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Police officers required hospital treatment after woman attacked them

TWO police officers were taken to hospital and treated for various injuries after a stark, naked woman attacked them in a house in Bridgend, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, *reports AJ SICLUNA*.

Liza Williams, 45, later said she had been embarrassed without any clothes on and had "lost it".

Williams, of Rushfield Gardens, Bridgend, was jailed for a year after pleading guilty to charges of causing actual bodily harm

PC Michaela Beck had her head slammed into a mirror, breaking the glass and her colleague, PC Alison Thomas, had her head smashed against an oven.

The pair were taken to the Princess of Wales Hospital and treated for injuries including concussion and cuts and bruises.

PC Thomas later suffered headaches, and sleeping problems and was off work for 19 days.

PC Beck also had headaches and sleep problems.

Prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said the officers went to a house in Edwards Street on October 26 because a woman was reported to be refusing to leave her ex-partner's home.

When they went inside, they found Williams naked. She was told to put her clothes on and even refused to cover herself with a towel. Seconds later, said Mr Gobir, she began shouting and swearing and attacked them.

PC Thomas was punched in the face twice, her head struck against an oven, which was on, and she was attacked on the floor.

Such was the force of PC Beck's head hitting the mirror that it smashed and clumps of her hair were torn out. Later, Williams revealed she had been drinking in Bridgend and had been embarrassed to be naked in front of the officers.

Her counsel, Lucy Crowther, said she had sought help for alcohol abuse and was ashamed.

She said she had simply had too much to drink.

Young actors bring a Broadway classic to the Porthcawl stage

The Bridgend Youth Theatre thrilled audiences last week in Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion when it performed A Chorus Line. *Jude Blake is pictured mid-cartwheel during the show. Image by Dan Minto Photography. For a review and more pictures, see page 7.*

'City Deal will fund Pyle Park and Ride'

THE Capital City Regional Deal team has announced 10 projects – average cost £3 million – in each of the 10 local authorities that are contributing to the deal.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) will be using the funds to create a new park and ride at Pyle Railway Station.

The City Deal will see £1.2 billion spent, in the main, on infrastructure improvements in south east Wales over the next 10 years.

BCBC's share will be £11 million – £1.1 million a year over the next 10 years.

In recent weeks, the figure of £19 million has been circulating in the county borough, but this is incorrect.

A BCBC spokesperson told The GEM that an item in a council report, indicating what it would have cost to borrow £11 million over 25 years, had been "misinterpreted".

He said BCBC has "no plans" to borrow the City Deal money.

For a full report on the announcement, see page 6.

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Hi Tide times for Atlantic College students

The Atlantic College students entertained at the event.

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl recently held its annual international evening at the Hi Tide, when students were invited from Atlantic College at St Donat's to share an evening of music, food and culture.

Nine international students and more than 140 guests were welcomed by president Denzil Gould.

Entertainment was provided by harpist Stephanie Chick accompanied by her father,club member Rob Chick and their programme included a selection of Welsh songs.

After the meal, the students from Japan, Uganda, Palestine, Peru, Norway, Israel, Zambia, Namibia and Finland spoke briefly about the culture and history of their respective country. They also explained how they were chosen to go to Atlantic College, with all the students delivering interesting presentations to the audience.

Proceeds from the international evening will be donated to the Mercy Ships, a charity formed in 1978 by Don Stephens to support communities hit by disaster. The charity runs a ferry converted as a hospital ship from which 400 volunteers live and work. The ship carries more than 20 vehicles for use in outreach programmes. The charity has operated in 57 developing countries and holds clinics and training for local health professionals in the poorest countries.

The total raised at the evening for charity will be matched funded by Rotary International.

Robert Lee

Volunteer wins award for helping isolated older people

A PENCOED resident has been recognised for her commitment to helping isolated older people in her area.

Sarah Liney volunteers for Contact the Elderly, a UK charity working to alleviate loneliness and isolation among older people.

Sarah has been the group coordinator for the last 14 months and organises the monthly social events, liaising with both volunteers and guests to make sure that everything runs smoothly. She said: "I'm very aware of how loneliness affects so many people, especially our elderly, who through different circumstances are by themselves. What's great is that my family help and support me - from my youngest son to my husband who often helps out to drive our older guests to the tea parties."

Speaking after receiving the award, Sarah said: "Winning the award has been the icing on the cake for what has been an outstanding first year for our group. It's been an honour being the group coordinator, working alongside outstanding volunteers to combat loneliness and social isolation within our community."

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Fly-tipping fixed penalty changes are approved

A WELSH Government report suggests that 60 per cent of fly-tipping incidents originate from domestic households, and is often the result of the householder failing to check where the waste will end up: allowing an unauthorised person to take it away, and Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies wants residents to be aware that people who give their waste to someone 'in good faith' who then fly-tips could face a fixed penalty notice of up to £300.

New rules agreed by Assembly Members now make it easier for councils to take action against householders. There has been a rise in the number of unauthorised waste disposal operators offering households what seems to be cut-price disposal of waste, but acting illegally and without licence. The reason they can cut costs is because they are not disposing of the waste at an authorised site.

In 2017-18 councils saw more than 35,000 incidents of fly-tipping, costing Welsh taxpayers £2m in clean-up costs. Currently, residents can be issued with a fixed penalty notice if they fly-tip the waste themselves.

Cosmology Corner has an insight on Mars

REGULAR readers of this column may well think that I have a preoccupation with the red planet, Mars – and they'd be right!

I think it all stems from my formative years when, already a lover of science fiction, I picked up a copy of Arthur C Clarke's novel, *The Sands of Mars*. First published in 1951, a full decade before Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space, it was Clarke's first novel, although he was already well known as a writer of short stories and as a magazine contributor.

This novel was a prelude to his becoming one of the world's foremost science fiction authors, with his most famous book 2001: A Space Odyssey. Through his works, Clarke has been credited with many innovative ideas which have subsequently become fact.

In the Sands of Mars, the planet has been surveyed but not fully explored on the ground. On a trip by passenger jet to an outlying research station, the crew are forced down by a dust storm. They explore the nearby area and discover a small group of unsuspecting natives of Mars.

All of the real study done on the surface of Mars by the Mars Exploration Rovers Spirit and Opportunity which landed in January 2004, has been a real source of fascination to me and it doesn't take much of an excuse to get me back onto my favourite topic.

This time, it is the Mars InSight lander (interior exploration using seismic investigations, geodesy and heat transport) successfully arrived on the surface of the red planet on November 26 last year after a six month journey from Earth.

Its purpose is to study the internal structure of Mars to try to answer questions about the early formation of the rocky planets in our inner solar system, Mercury, Venus, Earth as well as Mars itself. The lander uses instruments which delve deep beneath the surface to measure its seismological and heat flow properties.

After three months of testing the lander's systems, InSight has now finally started digging in to the planet, but it has already hit a few snags. The drilling instrument encountered what appears to be a couple of stones and only managed to burrow about a foot or so of the eventual planned depth of 16 feet.

The hammer in the drill appears to be working very well, but so far, the environment is not proving too favourable. The purpose of the deep drilling is to measure the planet's internal temperature.

The spacecraft has, however, already successfully placed a seismometer on the surface, listening for potential Mars quakes. The lander is currently being rested before burrowing is started up again.

After that, I'll have another excuse to visit Mars again quite soon.

Norman Lloyd

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County keeps its Fairtrade status

BRIDGEND county borough has had its Fairtrade status renewed until December 2020 by the Fairtrade Foundation.

On behalf of the Bridgend Fairtrade Partnership, Margaret Minhinnick said: "Dedicated groups, churches and schools county-wide have over the last two years undertaken various activities which support and highlight the purpose of encouraging Fairtrade."

In the letter confirming this status, Chrysi Dimaki, the communities campaigns officer at the Fairtrade Foundation, praised actions taken in the borough, such as a Fairtrade Festival in 2018, which gave local traders an opportunity to showcase their goods, and the production of a film on Fairtrade, entitled 'Every Little Thing' which featured pupils from local schools.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL MARCH 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
07 Thur	07.12	9.6	19.25	9.6
08 Fri	07.42	9.7	19.55	9.6
09 Sat	08.12	9.6	20.24	9.6
10 Sun	08.43	9.5	20.54	9.4
11 Mon	09.13	9.3	21.25	9.2
12 Tues	09.43	9.1	21.58	8.9
13 Wed	10.22	8.7	22.43	8.5
14 Thurs	11.14	8.2	23.42	8.0

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Sea defence work will mean a new-look promenade for Porthcawl

PEOPLE in Porthcawl were given a preview last week of essential sea defence work that is planned to start next year.

Although some of the work will support regeneration plans that were put forward last year by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Robin Campbell, a spokesman for the engineering firm, Arup, was at pains to emphasise that this is a separate project, prompted by the need to protect existing sea defences.

Work will take place in four areas:

• The existing breakwater (pier).

• The Eastern Promenade, which runs from Coney Beach to the harbour.

• At Rhych Point, in particular the slipway.

• The sand dunes on Sandy Bay.

The four areas above make up a £4 million project, with the Welsh Government contributing £3 million, and BCBC paying the remaining £1 million.

A planning application for the project will be placed in May/June and, if approved, work will take place during 2020.

Mr Campbell said that work on the breakwater had taken place quite regularly since it was built in 1820.

He said that water drains away through the pier, and material was lost over time, although there were no concerns over the integrity of the structure.

It did, however, require urgent repair work in the 1970s and 1980s, and work is needed to be done now.

Work at Rhych Point and the sand dunes is relatively minor, but the most involved part of the project is the renovation of the entire Eastern Promenade.

It was this section of the work where local people were asked for feedback on what they would like to see.

The entire wall will be strengthened in various areas, and in some parts it will be raised. At the same time, the existing promenaded will be remodelled.

It was in this area that local residents were asked for feedback.

One possibility illustrated was to remove the existing raised flower beds and create a much wider promenade that would have room for pedestrians and cyclists.

A view of the breakwater, the Eastern Promenade and Salt Lake Car Park.

The spokesman said that a number of properties in the area were at risk of flooding if the sea defences on the Eastern Promenade failed – including those in the Griffin Park area.

It was time, he said, to do work that could cope with any rise in sea levels.

BCBC published regeneration plans last year, and indicated that the sea defence work was 'phase 4'.

Phase 1 was a supermarket on the north-west of Salt Lake car par, phase 2 was some housing on the north-east of the park, and phase 3 was an upgrade and remodelling of Hillsboro Place Car park (paid for by money raised by the sale of land for phase 1).

However, it was made clear that the phase 4 work will be going ahead, subject to the planning application being passed. It was not linked to progress on phases 1, 2 and 3.

Phase 4 work (the sea defences on Eastern Promenade) is essential if BCBC wants to go forward with phase 5 of regeneration, which is likely to involve building waterfront apartments.

Work on Rhych Point will, in the main, be to protect the existing slip way and the area around it from erosion.

The dunes on Sandy Bay have, according to the engineers, partly repaired themselves, as sand dunes are a natural defence. Many people in Porthcawl were not happy when the Sandy Bay Caravan Park closed, but one by-product has been that the dunes will require less maintenance.

Work on the dunes may include planting, fencing, access boardwalks and signage.

A council spokesman said: "The drop-in information session proved to be highly popular. "

We are delighted that so many residents, business owners and visitors came along to view the plans, find out more and provide us with feedback on our proposals for providing a new phase of enhanced sea defences."

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(Left to right): Cllr Norah Clarke, Saulat Abbasi, Simon Gould and Steve Griffiths

Local allotment gets a helping hand from medical centre developers

THE builders of the new medical centre in Newton, Porthcawl, Assura PLC and LSP Developments, have donated £2,000 towards the cost of a disabled toilet at the Wilderness Allotments.

Simon Gould of Assura presented the cheque to Cllr Norah Clarke, the Mayor of Porthcawl and Saulat Abbasi and Steve Griffiths from the allotment committee. Also in attendance were some of the many organisations the Wilderness has worked with since 2012 including Tools for Self-Reliance, 1st Porthcawl Scouts, Porthcawl Chamber of Trade, as well as staff and service users from Trinity Care and Support Gardening Club.

The Mayor said that the Wilderness Allotments were the only allotments in Porthcawl with a community plot specially adapted for disabled gardeners. However, the lack of toilet facilities curtails the time disabled gardeners can spend on site.

Simon Gould said: "We're hearing more and more from GP practices in our buildings around the country about the impact of gardening schemes for people with all sorts of health needs. That's why we're so delighted to have been able to support the Wilderness Allotment's work."

In recent years, the Wilderness Allotments has won several Green Flag Community Awards (from Keep Wales Tidy), and the 2017 International Allotment award (nominated by the National Allotment Society).

David Rowe, Wilderness Allotment Committee Chairman, was unable to attend the presentation but added that he looked forward to working with Robert Farley, the newly-recruited Disabled Gardening Club Co-ordinator. He also acknowledged that the Wilderness' achievements owe much to the considered advice, leadership and direction of travel set by Ken Whyte (Sandymeers Allotments, Porthcawl) and Lisa Lewis (Badgers Brook Allotments, Brackla).

After the presentation, everyone was treated to a guided tour of the new Porthcawl Medical Centre.

Photograph by David Swidenbank.

Bryntirion School enjoys double success

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Bridgend travelled to Ystradgynlais on February 20 to support teams from Bryntirion Comprehensive School, who were taking part in the Rotary area 7 final of the Rotary Youth Speaks competition.

This competition is an opportunity for young people to develop the ability to speak on a public platform, carry out research and formulate ideas, improve self-confidence and presentation skills, and work as a team.

Teams from the Bryntirion School had won both the local senior and intermediate Youth Speaks heats in the earlier local round. Again, both teams impressed the adjudicators; both won their respective heats and will now progress to the Rotary district final in Abergavenny.

The intermediate team included Benjamin Fisher as the chairperson, Caitlyn Richards as the speaker and the Vote of Thanks was given by Nicole Rowlands. Their topic for discussion was 'The Rise of the Selfie'. They were praised by the adjudicators for their excellent performance.

The senior team included Aaeron Gibboney as the chairperson, Caitlyn Jones as the speaker and the Vote of Thanks was given by Rhia Gould. Their topic for discussion was 'The Apex Predator'. They gave another excellent performance and Caitlyn Jones was presented with the prize for Best Speaker.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend would like to thank all of the students who took part in the competition, and also their teacher Mrs Eloise Lowry for encouraging her students to become such impressive speakers. We wish the teams every success in the Rotary district final at King Henry VIII School, Abergavenny at 11am on Saturday, March.

Gill Hale

The Bryntirion junior team.

The school's senior team.

Conservatives take seat in Brackla by-election

IN a by-election on February 28, the Conservative candidate Keith Hughes won a seat on Brackla Community Council from Labour, which came third with an independent candidate coming second.

The results are as follows: Conservative (Keith Hughes) 572; Independent (Nathan Goldsworthy) 421; Labour (Johanna Llewellyn-Hopkins) 324.

Conservative BCBC councillor for Brackla, Tom Giffard said: "I'd like to congratulate Keith Hughes on his election to Brackla Community Council. This is a fantastic result for the Welsh Conservatives and more importantly, for the people of Brackla. They have gained a fantastic new councillor who has a track record of working locally on behalf of local people.

"Brackla has traditionally been a Labour-voting part of the county, and Labour will be embarrassed to have finished in last place here.

"This election was a clear referendum on Labour's year-on-year record-breaking council tax increases, and most people I spoke to realised that they were living in an area with one of the highest council tax rates in the country and that enough was enough. Conservative councillors have been very clear that we won't countenance any more council tax increases, we instead prefer for local people to keep more of the money they work hard to earn in their pockets. Labour now needs to reflect on what the public are clearly telling them and change course."

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Family pays tribute to Bryntirion man

Christopher Badman with his partner Michelle Ridout.

THE family of a man who died following a collision in Bryntirion on Wednesday, February 20 have paid tribute to him.

Christopher Paul Badman died at the scene of the single-vehicle collision which occurred on Llangewydd Road at approximately 11.20am.

Paying tribute his family said: "Christopher, 40 years old, died too young.

"He had many faults and usually paid the consequences. What has happened now is the ultimate consequence.

"Chris had a heart of gold and would help anyone if he could. He had a partner whom he loved and treated her two boys like his own.

"Those who knew him well, loved him. His family and friends will always remember his "bad jokes".

"His passing has left a huge chasm in many of our lives and I hope that people will respect our wishes and leave us to grieve in peace."

Another busy month for Coastwatch Institution

516 hours watchkeeping were undertaken by Porthcawl NCI during the month of February when five incidents were monitored and dealt with and a further five logged incidents involving a danger to navigation, missing persons and concerns for a possible vessel on fire.

This is a 50 per cent increase on the same period last year with the new CCTV cameras being used four times to support the incidents. Porthcawl continues to be one of the busiest stations in the UK for the number of incidents handled.

They logged and monitored 117 commercial vessels, 171 leisure vessels, two military and 29 others.

The yellow and red 'RY' signal flags were hoisted three times during the month to warn marine traffic of the presence of open water swimmers and the pier safety gates were closed seven times during periods of adverse weather.

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A Scottish tradition comes to south Wales

DESPITE Storm Freya's winds and rain, the opening of this year's fishing season on the River Ogmore was marked with a traditional ceremony usually carried out to celebrate the start of the fishing season on Scottish rivers.

On Sunday, March 3, on behalf of Ogmore Angling Association to commemorate the new fishing season, Cowbridge Town Crier Jon Wilks poured whisky from a bottle of Penderyn whisky donated by Penderyn Distillery, into the River Ogmore in the tradition of blessing the river – a superstition said to bring good fortune to the anglers.

The ceremony took place on the River Ogmore at the Dipping Bridge and was attended by many anglers old and new, their families and friends.

Many took part in sipping the whisky and then casting their lines in a bid to bag a big fish.

DM

Llynfi Valley Ladies' Choir concert to take place next month

THE Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi's (Llynfi Valley Ladies' Choir), annual concert takes place on Friday, April 5 in Maesteg Town Hall beginning at 7pm. Tickets are available from choir members or online at maestegtownhall.com.

A spokesperson said: "Led by musical director Paul Deenik and accompanist Laura Deenik, it promises to be a great evening's entertainment, with guest artist Rhydian Jenkins, a former pupil of Ysgol Cynwyd Sant and Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

"The evening will be compered by Tony Mullins, who is known in musical circles throughout the Llynfi valley and beyond."

Anyone interested in joining the choir can come along to our weekly rehearsal at the Celtic Club, Garth, Maesteg on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. You don't have to hail from the Llynfi Valley to join.

The choir is non—auditioning, and you do not have to be able to read music, all we ask is a love of singing. Follow us on Facebook and take a look at our website www.cormerchedcwmllynfi.wales.

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St David's Day concert at Maesteg Town Hall

A PACKED Town Hall was treated to an exceptional concert on Saturday, March 2, and heard some wonderful singing from the choir and from the main soloist for the evening, Wynne Evans, who not only brought his tremendous tenor voice but some great comedy.

The choir kicked off the concert with Welsh faithful 'Rachie' then another favourite 'Myfanwy', before finishing their set with two powerful pieces: 'Y Tangnefeddwr' and 'Tydi a Roddaist'.

Wynne then sang three items: 'Granada', 'Shenandoah' and finally 'Be My Love'. Before the interval the audience joined in to sing 'Calon Lan' to the tune of 'Blaenwern'.

The choir resumed with 'Arwelfa' 'Anfonaf Angel' an arrangement of 'Sospan Fach' by Huw Morgan and a solo by Ellis Llyr Treharne; and finally choir favourite 'Finlandia' again being joined by Wynne and bringing great applause from the audience.

The second half commenced with the choir singing 'Tell My Father' this piece arranged by former accompanist Ryan Wood, followed by 'You'll Never Walk Alone'; 'Fugue For Tin Horns' and finally 'Bui doi', where the choir were joined by Wynne and a backdrop of the Vietnam war, showing mothers and children separated during that-war, this was really well received by a subdued audience.

Wynne finished his set with 'With a Song in My Heart', 'My Life Belongs to You' and finally 'Impossible Dream'. The final set by the choir consisted solely of a medley from Les Miserables which the choir started with 'Lookdown' and then 'At the End of The Day', 'Bring Him Home': the solo of this item sung in the dulcet tones of the choir's own baritone Kevan Lloyd; and 'Empty Chairs at Empty Tables' sung by Wynne.

At the end, there was a surprise for the audience when Carys Morgan (12) the daughter of MD Huw Morgan came down the centre of the hall (sweeping!) and got on to the dais to sing 'Castle On a Cloud' which brought the house down – a lovely voice from a very confident girl.

The end of this set was sung by the choir, Carys and Wynne 'One Day More' which brought a standing ovation from the whole audience; the show had been brilliantly arranged by Huw Morgan and very well accompanied by Laura Deenik (she has proved a real asset to the choir).

An encore was called for and given by the choir and Wynne sang 'Anthem' from Chess before the concert ended with the Welsh national anthem. What A Show.

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RESPOND BY: 20/03/2019

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT
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RESPOND BY: 27/03/2019

Jonathan Parsons - Group Manager Planning and Development Services / Rheolwr Grŵp Gwasanaethau Cynllunio a Datblygu 07/03/2019

City Deal hands out the cash for new transport projects

THE Cardiff Capital Region City Deal has listed the first series of projects where cash will be spent, and these projects will focus on transport and infrastructure, with each council getting around £3 million spent in its area.

The £3 million intended for the BCBC area will be spent on the Park and Ride facility at Pyle as part of "the development of an integrated transport hub that serves the local community and the nearby settlements of Porthcawl, Kenfig Hill, Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly".

The £1.2 billion City Deal is financed, in the main, by the Welsh Government and the UK Government, but the 10 local authorities in the area are each contributing as well.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), for instance, is budgeting to spend £.1 million each year over the next 10 years.

The project, named 'Metro Plus' is aimed at unceasing the number of passengers who use the railway each day from 40,000 to 80,000 across the city deal region.

The Leader of BCBC, Cllr Huw David, is the chair of the CCR Transport Authority. He said: "This fantastic news represents a significant City Deal investment into Bridgend county borough which will provide the communities of Pyle, Porthcawl, Kenfig Hill, Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly with enhanced access to the new South East Wales Metro system.

"Details still have to be confirmed, but we anticipate that the £3m enhanced park and ride development will incorporate space for approximately 75 cars as well as electric vehicle charging facilities, cycle parking bays, enhanced links with the growing Village Farm Industrial Estate, future active travel improvements and more.

"I'm proud that Bridgend county borough is part of the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, and I am looking forward to the further benefits and projects that will be delivered across the area over the next 10 years."

"The schemes proposed through the Metro Plus programme have been drawn from the priorities of individual councils and mirror the 'Metro spine' – creating both short and longer-term opportunities for communities throughout south east Wales.

Cllr Huw David, Kellie Beirne, director of the CCR, and Cllr Andrew Morgan, chair, CCR, at Pyle Station.

"The 10 proposed schemes within Phase 1 of the wider Metro Plus programme represent a diverse range of projects, with transport as the central component for enabling growth, expansion and opportunity to be unlocked.

"Metro Plus provides the potential to develop a whole programme of activity that contributes to, complements and enhances Metro and mobility delivery in the region."

The 10 schemes are:

• The creation of a 3-4 mile rail link from Abertillery to Ebbw Valley at Aberbeeg, including a Park and Ride for 100 vehicles

• A new transport interchange for Caerphilly, on the site of the current bus and rail stations, complete with electronic information, electric vehicle charging for buses and a larger Park and Ride facility.

• The creation of a Transport Hub at Porth, which will house a seven bay bus interchange, taxi rank and cycle racks, with direct access to the rail station platforms and the Park and Ride.

• The development of bus and rail interchange at Barry, complete with four to five bus bays, provision for taxis and the potential extension of the existing Park and Ride site

• The Park and Ride facility at Pyle as part of the development of an integrated transport hub that serves the local community and the nearby settlements of Porthcawl, Kenfig Hill, Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly

• Development of a new bus interchange and link between bus station and rail station within Merthyr Tydfil, as well as the creation of a Park and Ride facility at Pentrebach

• An additional 150-200 space car park on the south side of Severn Tunnel Junction station, complete with 40 additional bike and ride spaces, safer walking and cycling access, a revamped bus-rail interchange, electric vehicle charging spaces and an improved station building

• A Park and Ride facility at Pontypool and New Inn Station with a minimum of 200 spaces including electric vehicle charging

• Improvements to the Newport to Cardiff bus corridor to increase bus use and improve journey times, along with the introduction of a Park and Ride facility to the east of Newport

• A series of sustainable and active travel packages including for Cardiff, including: new bus priority measures, the installation of a Central Cycle Superhighway, pedestrian crossing improvements, traffic calming measures, air quality improvements, as well as improved cycle parking.

'2019-2020 BCBC budget contested, not unanimously agreed'

IT is an all too familiar story: council tax going up year on year with a further 5.4 per cent increase for Bridgend while services keep reducing [*See The GEM, February 28 edition, page 20*].

As the opposition, it is our job to challenge the Labour administration to deliver good services in an efficient and financially prudent way. The 2019/20 budget was not passed by all councillors. Some opposition members either voted against or abstained.

Media articles implied that all councillors voted for the budget increase, which was not the case.

The main reason for those councillors who either voted against or abstained was that they considered it was not a balanced budget in that 60 per cent of the £7.6m of budget reductions anticipated are regarded as 'red' and very challenging, and may not be realised.

Remember, the council tax increase of 5.4 per cent is on top of 4.5 per cent last year which consolidated means that Bridgend Council tax income is now 9.9 per cent more in just two years, nearly twice the level of inflation.

Budget cuts have resulted in many job losses and I'm not sure that more job losses leads to an efficiently and effectively run authority.

While there are signs that the current Labour administration is showing more interest in pre-budget consultation with opposition group leaders, scrutiny and public consultation, too much of the process is stage-managed and ideologically driven. The 'salami slicing' approach to departmental budgets whereby the Authority still runs and controls everything but does so increasingly less well cannot go on.

Opposition groups are now calling for a cross-party task force to deliver a root and branch review of the way in which council services will be delivered in the future. This to be put to public consultation. There is the need to ensure that the 21st century schools programme is fully supported with exceptional modern facilities and resources to provide our children with a first class education and the best start in life.

Equally, a 21st century approach to providing a range of social care in a remodelled setting with a structure that ensures high quality care appropriately resourced, a communities directorate that requires substantial reshaping, transferring of some services together with funding to town and community councils.

Cllr Norah Clarke

Young carers receive donation

A £500 CHEQUE was presented by the president of Bridgend Lions Club, Tony Gates to Victoria Bailey, the project leader of Young Carers for children aged from eight to 11.

The presentation took place at the Compassion Church, Nolton Street, on March 4 when Victoria accepted the funds on behalf of the youngsters, who were treated to a Bristol Zoo trip.

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Rugby star Ryan Jones entertains local business group on St David's Day

WELSH rugby player Ryan Jones returned to Bridgend county borough where his career began to deliver a talk at the Bridgend Business Forum's annual St David's Day business breakfast.

Ryan thoroughly entertained 120 businesspeople with anecdotes of his time with the Welsh squad and British and Irish Lions.

There was a serious side to his talk, as he shared his own personal experiences on how perseverance, positivity and strong leadership led to his success on the pitch. He was keen to demonstrate how these key qualities could also be translated into running a successful business.

Further details about becoming a Bridgend Business Forum member as well as information on all upcoming events can be found at *www.bridgendbusinessforum.co.uk.*

Ryan Jones speaking at the event.

Range of workshops will help students take their 'Next Steps' at Bridgend College

BRIDGEND College is running a range of workshops focusing on the 'next steps' of all full-time FE students as part of Next Steps Week 2019.

The workshops are aimed at encouraging students to explore the opportunities after completing their course, whether it is moving on to university, employment or an apprenticeship.

Next Steps Week also coincides with National Career and Progression Week, Apprenticeship Week and Welsh Week. The college has teamed up with businesses for students to gain an insight into progression routes into careers and include workshops from Natural Resources Wales, Careers Wales, Menter Bro Morgannwg and Chwarae Teg as well as a Q&A session with the Ospreys rugby team and a business skills session with a representative from Deloitte.

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Drug debt pressure led Porthcawl man to breach suspended sentence

A MAN who was on a suspended sentence for drug dealing went on to commit a similar offence after being pressured to pay a £1,500 debt, Cardiff Crown Court has heard, *reports AJ SICLUNA*.

When he was arrested, 26-year-old Connor Hughes of Queen's Avenue, Porthcawl, told the police: "I don't want to go to prison."

He was jailed for 16 months for possessing cannabis with intent to supply and for a further four months, to run consecutively, for the breach of the suspended sentence.

Recorder RJ Philpotts said: "He got himself into a trap which he could not get out of."

He told him he had been warned of breaching the suspended sentence but he had been found with a "drug dealer's tool kit".

Prosecutor Jenny Yeo said that on January 28, the police approached a car parked in Merthyr Mawr and could smell cannabis. Hughes, who was the driver, said there was a box in the boot containing drugs he was looking after for friends.

Police officers found cannabis with a street value of £120, a grinder, and digital scales, and on Hughes' mobile phone were messages indicating he had been selling the drug.

He later admitted that he owed £1,500 to a supplier and would sometimes sell to college students.

Solicitor Nick Hartland said: "Because of his debt, he was under great pressure. he is going to have to pay a heavy price for what he did.

"He is relatively young and tells me he believes he has learned his lesson."

Bridgend Quiz League latest

THE latest results from the Bridgend Quiz League for March 4 are:

TyRisha Arms 43, Penybont AFC Nomads 48; Mackworth Arms 44, Tondu Railway Club 45; Crown Maesteg 43, Laleston Inn A 44; Laleston Inn B 2, Oddfellows Arms No match; Prince of Wales Coychurch 42, Six Bells Clangers 47; Pheasant Gamekeepers 49, Cabo Roche 44; Chatterton Shunters 48, Five Bells B 47.

Here are this week's teasers:

1. In what sport is a Derny regularly used?

2. What type of creature is a bummalo?

3. Which popular female singer was born Robyn R Fenty in 1988?

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Answers: 1. Cycling; 2. Fish; 3. Rihanna.

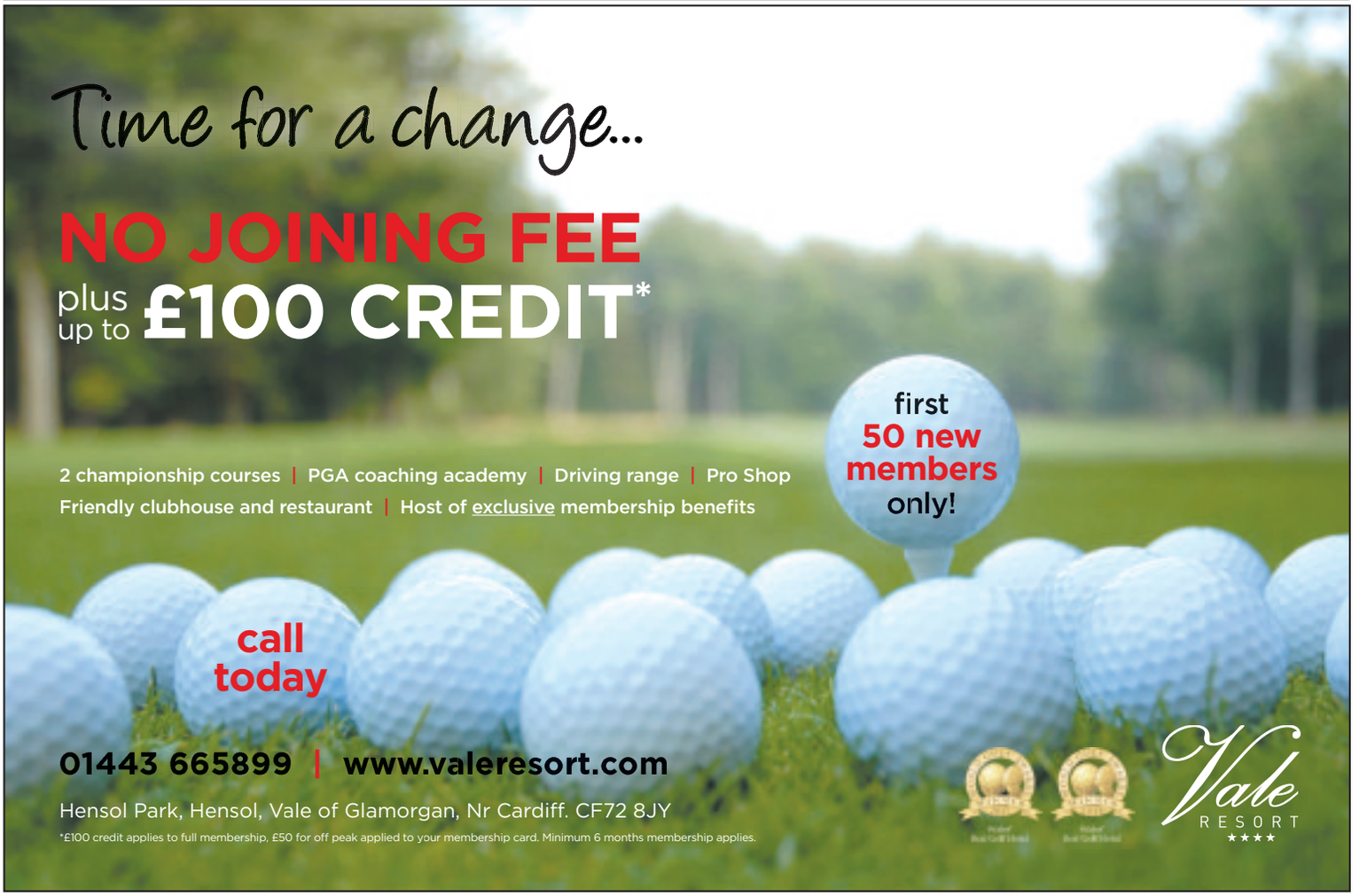
Contact charity pleads for donations

THE Contact Zone Bridgend, established in 2014, is a charity for children from separated families, and it could close without further funding.

With costs of more than £1,000 each month, the charity is struggling to find further funding and is asking businesses who are keen to support local charities to get in touch.

Andrea Thomas, manager at The Contact Zone said: "It would be devastating if our charity closed on its fifth birthday, and we urge businesses to get in touch if they feel they can support us in any way."

To donate to The Contact Zone, *email andrea.thecontactzone@yahoo.co.uk* or call 07455 801617.



The Bridgend Youth Theatre's Chorus Line just dazzles at the Grand Pavilion

Review by Philip Irwin.
Images by Dan Minto Photography

Lili Smith on stage.

ABOVE: The grand finale!

Aisling McCormack-Thomas.

Lili Mohammed, Nim Jenkins, and Carys Morgan.

Meg Morris as Cassie.

THE Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) staged a dazzling 20th birthday celebration last week at the Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl.

Not just dazzling because the finale features the 70-strong cast on stage in gold costumes, but because the young performers did justice to a show that is not at all easy – the classic Broadway musical, *Chorus Line*.

It's a tricky proposition because all the cast – and about 16 have featured roles – have to convince as dancers, and also act and sing.

It was 14 years ago that the BYT last performed *Chorus Line*, and that was a year when at least eight went on to perform professionally on stage.

The show does have one advantage though. Although it is set in the 1970s, it doesn't date. At its heart is something we all relate to – the interview process. Who out there hasn't at one time or another sweated over what to say, and faced the fear of rejection?

The star choreographer Zach (played by a namesake, Zak Rossaye) has over 40 dancers turning up for an audition. The opening number reveals that they are all desperate to get hired, and he says that he needs four boys and four girls.

In the Richard Attenborough movie, this role was played by Michael Douglas, and Zak compared very favourably as he roamed the stage, barking out technical dance move instructions.

However, he decides that for this show, he needs to know more about the auditionees, and he asks them to take turns to step forward and talk about their lives, hopes and fears.

A bit of a power trip for Zach? It certainly spooks some of the dancers, who panic about what to say, and try to guess what he wants to hear.

The spanner in the works is Cassie (Meg Morris). Zach doesn't need to know about Cassie. They were an item once and, it transpires, each felt that the other ended the relationship.

What we do know is that Zach rated Cassie, and wanted her to move on and not settle for life in the chorus but go for leading roles. She is just back from LA, where things went badly, and she wants to start her career all over again.

Back in January, Meg played Nancy in Porthcawl Comprehensive's *Oliver!*

She was good in that show, but in *Chorus Line* she was terrific. Perhaps it's easier for a young woman to relate to Cassie. Nancy, after all, lives in fear of Bill Sykes, but Cassie doesn't defer to anyone. She stands up to Zach and the scenes where they argue were intense and powerful.

Most people in the audience aleady knew she could sing and dance, but she revealed a serious stage presence. Meg is planning to move on to drama college, and this performance will stand her in good stead.

People who don't know *Chorus Line* often ask what songs are in it, and it's true that they don't have much of a life outside the show.

However, it is full of great numbers, and they require good singers. The first number that showcases their talents is 'At The Ballet', where the shy Maggie (Lili Mohammed), cynical Sheila (Nim Jenkins), and the nervous Bebe (Carys Morgan) reveal that, despite their different upbringings, they were all inspired to dance by seeing a ballet company.

As their voices combined and soared, a ballet company, choreographed by Sian Dixon, danced in the background.

(Note: One or two roles were shared, so other other audiences will have seen Courtney Taylor play the role of Bebe).

There are comedy numbers in the show too, but one which requires a fine voice is Diana Morales (Aisling McCormack-Thomas), who tells of how she felt out of place in drama school, feeling 'Nothing' in improvisation class.

It's a funny song with a big finish, and it's also an ensemble piece, with the cast reacting to what she says, and Aisling brought the house down. It was good to see this, because Aisling has been a BYT regular for quite a while now, and it was a really well-deserved standing ovation.

There was an energetic light-hearted number from Jude Blake as Tom, who tells how he started dancing after being taken along to his elder sister's dance classes, in the song 'I Can Do That'.

Another comedy number is 'Sing' in which the two Ulrich sisters (Sophie Price and Eliza Barrett) combine with their husbands Al (Patrick O'Neil) and Don (Jack Williams) to explain that they are dancers because they can't sing on key, no matter how hard they try.

But the standout comedy number was by Lili Smith, who played Val, a talented dancer who could not get work until she surgically enhanced her figure. The song is officially called 'Dance: Ten; Looks: Three' but everyone knows it as 'Tits and Ass'.

It was another performance that brought the house down, as Lili has the poise and the sense of humour to hold the audience's attention. As she is off in September to study at the Wales International Academy of Voice, where they sing serious music, this could have been the last time she ever sings this number.

Bobby and Paul, played respectively by Robert Davis and Richard Price had monologues, and they couldn't have been more different. Bobby puts up a front and sketches out a childhood that has clearly been difficult, but he plays it for laughs.

Paul on the other hand, reluctantly opens up to Zach, telling him how difficult it had been to grow up gay in a conventional Puerto Rican family. It's his scene that has the biggest emotional impact (and another standing ovation) and soon after, with the audience now rooting for him, his knee goes and he is whisked off to hospital.

This prompts the cast to face up to life when their dancing days are over, and the show's emotional climax 'What I did For Love' was a triumph, with Aisling McCormack-Thomas, Lili Mohammed and Lili Smith very much to the fore.

There are so many other things to praise in the show. A great high-energy dance number, led by the athletic Huw Evans, playing Richie, was special, with the full cast making it work brilliantly.

At one stage, Cassie has a mini breakdown and she cowers in the corner while her 'other self' dances for her. Elin Little stepped in to this spot and danced beautifully.

I think I've seen all the BYT shows since 2003, and BYT director Roger Burnell and his team always add something to every show, and one constant over the years has been the total concentration on stage from the cast, no matter what age. Wherever you look, someone is doing something interesting.

I've said it many times before, but the Bridgend Youth Theatre is a real jewel in the crown of Bridgend county borough.

Production team:
Artistic director - Roger Burnell.
Assistant director - Shelley Rees-Owen.
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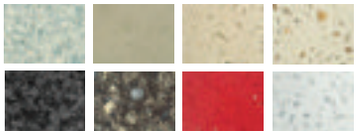

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Overspend looms for Vale Council as more children are taken into care

GROWING numbers of children are going into care in the Vale of Glamorgan in what's been described as a "very disappointing outcome" for many families.

New figures have revealed that 276 looked-after children were in the council's care in February 2019 – a 50 per cent jump from 183 children at the same time in February 2016.

It was revealed last year that the council was paying £471,380 per year to keep just one 14-year-old boy in a secure unit after a pattern of "complex and challenging behaviour".

On February 27, Cllr Kevin Mahoney raised concerns in a Vale Council meeting about this cost – describing it as a "scandal".

He said: "We have had no proposals put forward by any of the officers on how we can address this.

"£470,000 for one child in secure accommodation. That's not far off a one per cent council tax increase for the entire county."

Council leader John Thomas said the spend on one child's care was decided by the courts and was out of the council's hands – and it was unfair to blame council officers.

He said: "It's in the hands of the courts where they place children. If we have not got the facilities at home we have to pay for it."

The council's budget for placements for looked-after children is expected to overspend by £500,000 this year as demand continues to grow.

A council report says: "This is due to the increasing complexities of the children currently being supported, which results in their placement in very high cost units."

Cllr Ian Johnson, Plaid Cymru leader on the authority, said: "It's a very disappointing outcome for so many families."

He asked if the council had approached the Welsh Government for more funding for looked-after children in the Vale.

Cllr Gordon Kemp, cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, said: "There's constant requests particularly through the WLGA on to Welsh Government for additional funding.

"The situation is difficult, I accept that. It needs to be borne in mind that the numbers do fluctuate over time.

"We need to look more at the situation of these children and the measures the council takes to keep the numbers as low as possible."

Lance Carver, Vale Council director of social services, said: "In common with the responsibilities of all local authorities, the council has a statutory duty to provide care and support where the needs of a child require this.

"Where a child is looked after, the local authority takes a role as corporate parent. These responsibilities include the identification of accommodation appropriate to the child's needs.

"The Vale Council supports children looked after in a range of settings, always where this is possible within their families, or where this cannot be achieved, within foster care or residential placements. The identification and funding of placements is a challenge for local authorities across Wales in the context of rising demand and complexity and limited available provision.

"We are working closely and productively with Welsh Government colleagues to ensure that we have safe numbers of children looked after and appropriate levels of funding."

Matt Discombe
Local democracy reporter

News in brief

Fair bake for Fairtrade

BARRY Town Council is currently marking Fairtrade fortnight and its latest event takes place on Saturday, March 9.

A 'Fair bake coffee morning' is taking place at Cadoxton Methodist Church from 10am to 12pm. There will be a range of products on sale, and donations will be welcomed.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'Our American Odyssey' by Douglas Guy at 2pm on Wednesday, March 13 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Please note that this is a change from the published programme.

Visitors welcome for a small fee, which includes refreshments.

Bereavement café

A GROUP to support bereaved people in the Vale will hold its latest 'bereavement café' at its Bridgeman Road hospice on Friday, March 15, run by the The Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice's Family Support Team.

The café runs every third Friday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon and is open to those who are known to have had support or whose family have received support from the organisation within the Vale.

Team members Jo, Terry, and Dawn will run the sessions and offer support to those who need it and will also encourage that support among those visiting the café.

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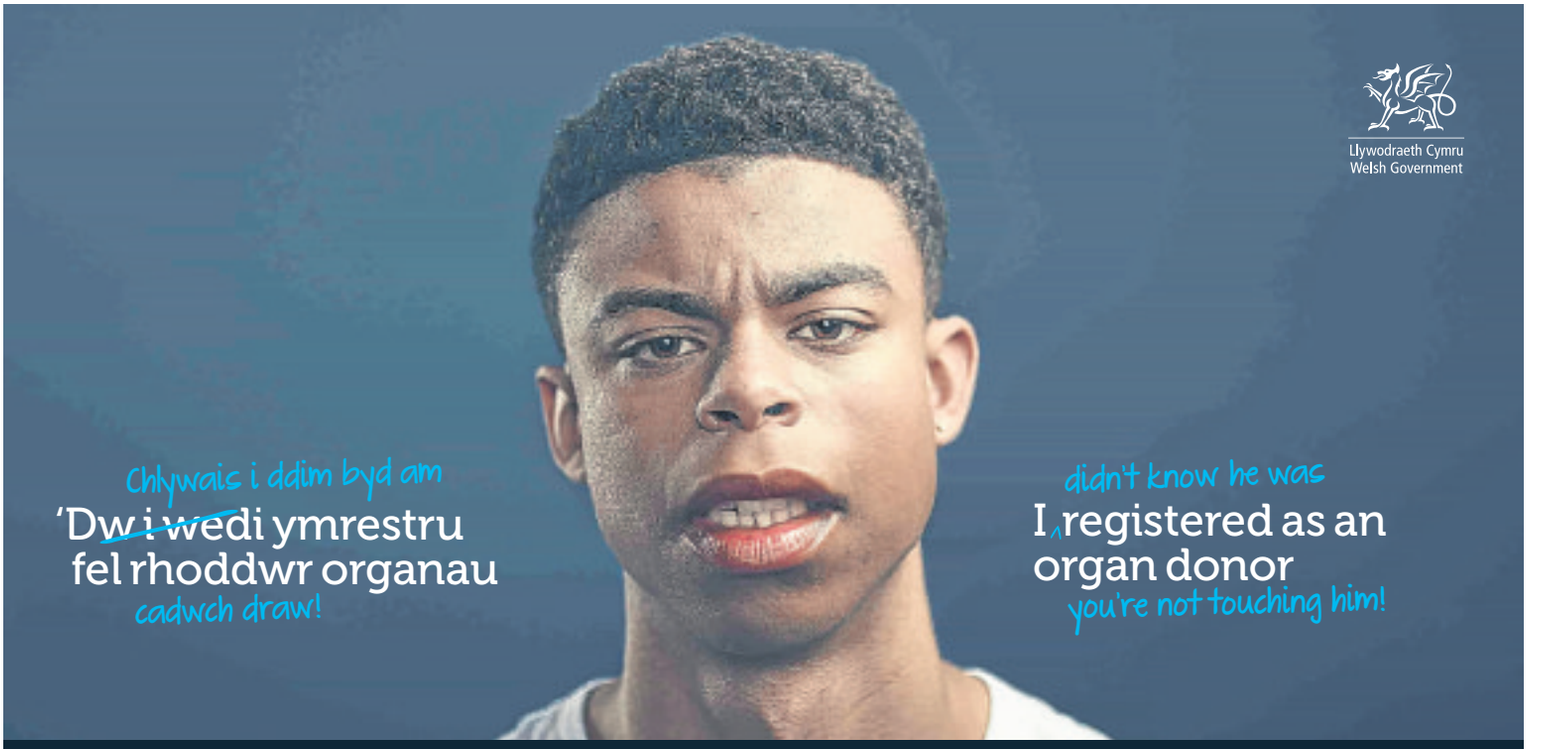

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'Incredible response' for Vale Hygiene Bank since its launch two months ago

LOCAL people say they have been "amazed" by the swift and positive response to the Vale 'hygiene bank' which started in January this year.

The Hygiene Bank is a registered charity that helps women on low incomes or in poverty. People take hygiene products and toiletries to local donation points for them to be distributed locally.

Jo Wain, the Vale co-ordinator, said: "The kindness of people in the Vale is really evident. Any unopened hygiene and sanitary products are welcomed alongside much needed baby bits too."

Caroline Morgan, who helped launch the Hygiene Bank in Wales, added: "If you are a local business who would be happy to have a donation station or has storage space that we could use, then please get in touch.

"We'd also like to hear from people who would like to get involved in such a worthwhile cause."

The donation points in the Vale are: phone box, Llantrithyd Road, St Hilary; Tesco Express, 44 High Street, Cowbridge; Co-op, St Athan; Cowbridge & Western Vale Group Practice (GP surgery) Cowbridge; The Clinic, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major; The Surgery, The Square, St Athan; Salon 100 Hair & Beauty, 100 Fontygary Rd, Rhoose; Chris Davies Estate & Letting Agents, 29 Fontygary Road, Rhoose; and The Hair Studio, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major.

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Will you be friends with Chandler?

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Canine carer Louisa said: "It has been lovely to see Chandler coming out of his shell to play.

"I am sure that once settled in a home his character will start to shine through, and he certainly will be a friend for life.

To find out more Chandler, visit the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

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Rambling from Valleys to beaches!

SEVEN walkers joined Rachel from Penarth and District Ramblers in wonderful unexpected sunny conditions below the derelict St Luke's Church at Abercarn and they set off uphill by road, celebrating the fact that topcoats, gloves and hats were not required.

Upon reaching the top of the valley they stopped for morning refreshment overlooking the beautiful Cwm Gwyddon below them.

Heading across Mynydd Maen Common towards the transmitting masts on Mynydd Twyn-glas, the rugged pathway was almost completely dry, but deep ruts signified that off-road motorcyclists have caused a great deal of damage to the area.

Locating a grassy bank they enjoyed lunch in lovely warm sunshine before heading into woodland at Cefn Rhyswg to scuff up fallen beech leaves with their boots. A steep descent on woodland paths at Cefn Gofapi brought them through forestry for the steep descent to the footbridge over the fast flowing Nant Gwyddon, before the last steep climb to reach a road for the return to their start.

On a cool overcast morning, 11 walkers joined Robin and spaniel Pepper at Oxwich Bay car park and after gazing at the recent huge rockfall on the beach, they headed past the ancient church of St Illtyd surrounded by trees, in order to climb steps set into the hillside on Oxwich Point.

Following the well-worn undulating path through woodland which is now part of the Wales Coast Path they rounded the corner on to the open cliff path and paused for morning break just as the sun broke through.

With hazy views westwards towards Port-Eynon they tramped into the headwind below the tall craggy cliffs, to climb up to Slade on a footpath diversion.

A narrow path led them into the peaceful village of Horton where a man-made pathway through the sand dunes led them to their lunch stop at the dog-friendly Ship Inn at Port-Eynon, which was very busy with people out enjoying the lovely weather.

After a delicious luncheon it was time to return along the coast path, this time with the full tide crashing onto the craggy rocks. Climbing to reach the road at eastern Slade led them on past bright yellow daffodils and pretty snowdrops on the verges for the descent back through Oxwich village to their start.

On March 9, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate walk in the Skenfrith area; contact Su G on 07954 139 946.

On March 13, meet at 9am at Cogan for an 11-mile moderate walk in the Usk Valley to view the ancient yew trees at Bettws Newydd; contact William on 07528 701 952.

On March 14, Shortish Strides will be a morning walk from Penmark taking in five villages, meet at 9.40am at the Toby Inn to share transport as parking is limited; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

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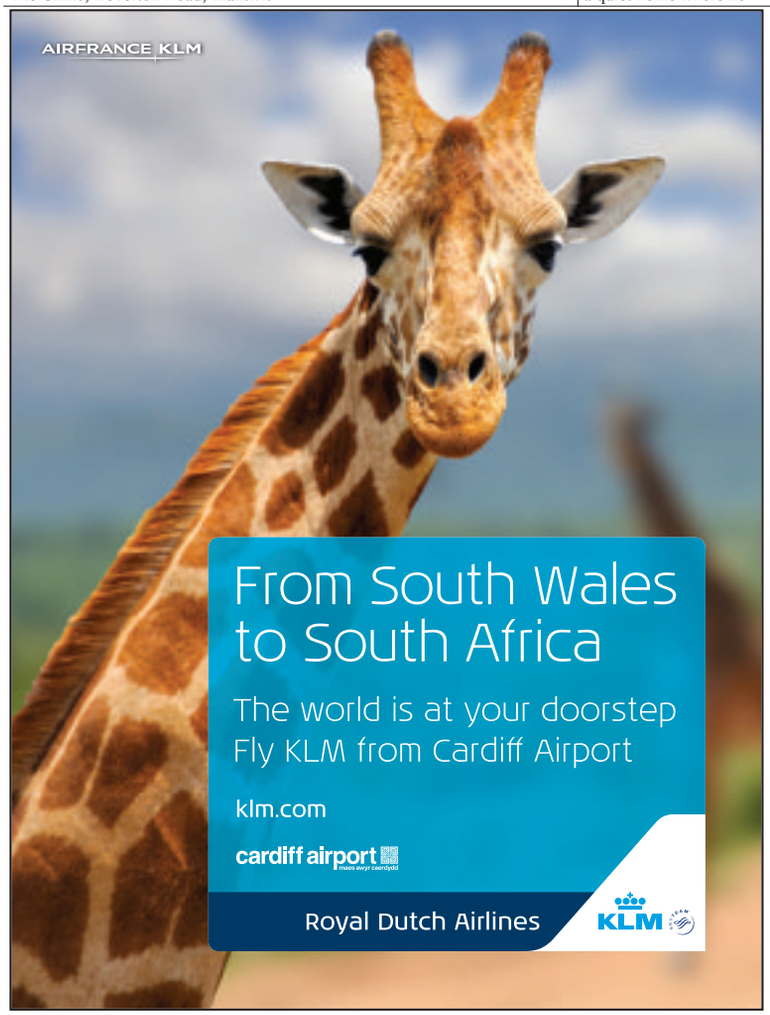

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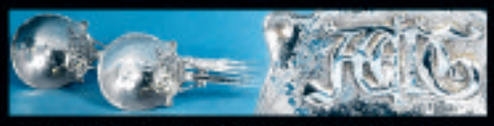

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Fighting With My Family will make you submit to its many charms!

WHILE Ricky Gervais has been off making feature films, picking up acclaim wherever he goes, his former partner in crime, Stephen Merchant, has been steadily keeping himself busy taking unexpected roles (and shining) in the likes of *Logan* and *The Girl in the Spider's Web*.

But Merchant has gone back behind the camera and the laptop for his latest project, as he directs and writes the real life story of WWE wrestler Paige in *Fighting With My Family*.

Florence Pugh plays Saraya, who, along with her brother Zak (Jack Lowden) dreams of being a professional wrestler.

It's in the genes, as her parents Ricky and Julia (Nick Frost and Lena Headey) are in the wrestling world – but where they are in Norwich is far away from the glitz and the glamour of the American wrestling industry.

When Saraya and Zak get a shot at the big time with the WWE, the pair have to take their opportunities and battle to get the chance to shine at the very top of their chosen profession…

Wrestling and cinema don't always make for a good mix. Yes, Darren Aronofsky's *The Wrestler* was an exception to the rule, but films like *Ready To Rumble, No Holds Barred* and *Walk Like A Panther* have hardly set the cinematic world alight.

Given Stephen Merchant's involvement, you would expect *Fighting With My Family* to be a wholesale comedy, but in actual fact it's a warmly-told and hugely charming underdog story that, while not played wholly straight, has a degree of emotion that makes for a hugely satisfying viewing experience.

The world of wrestling is one that is easily mocked, yet this is a film that showcases the hard work that it takes to be successful, and the luck and effort it takes to reach the pinnacle of the WWE (the facial rebuke one character receives when uttering the phrase "wrestling is fake" is firm proof of this).

While Merchant slighty fudges the

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path from a garage in Norwich to WrestleMania (the journey likely far more complex and trickier than displayed here) he does, however, highlight the sacrifices Paige made in order to achieve her dream.

Rather than a vanity project, this is a film that examines the life of the family surrounding her – the tough lives they led and how wrestling proved to be the family's salvation, a balm to soothe old wounds – and this is where the emotional heft comes from.

If Paige's rise is your traditional rags-to-riches tale (being told you're not good enough, grabbing victory from the jaws of defeat) then the tale of her brother Zak is equally as compelling.

Being told that the one thing he has been passionate about since the age of three isn't going to end up in him becoming a superstar wrestler is the more interesting strand in some ways, and works as a counterpoint to the (perceived) achievements of Paige.

It's a film that is surprisingly well-acted. Florence Pugh has shown in her work thus far an ability to inhabit many different characters, and here she has the attitude and desire, along with the hidden vulnerabilities, that make her stand out, while Jack Lowden as her brother is equally as good, a performance of real finesse.

Around them are a raft of lovely turns, whether it's Nick Frost and Lena Headey as the tough-but-tender parents, Vince Vaughn playing to type as as Paige's smart-mouthed trainer and a small, but wonderful, cameo from Dwayne Johnson.

Merchant's big screen solo directorial debut certainly carries the hallmarks of his work with Gervais, but he shows a strong ability to carry the story without resorting to flashy camera work. The script may carry a few cliches but they work within the spirit of the film.

It may draw in the wrestling fans, but *Fighting With My Family* deserves to be seen by a broader audience. Its pull comes not from the wresting element, but more from the universal themes it explores – the price of success, achieving your dreams no matter what the cost, stepping out from the shadow of your family and, as such, makes for a really pleasing viewing experience.

VERDICT: *Fighting With My Family* is an absolute treasure of a film – charming and heartwarming, it's a rags-to-riches-esque biopic that gets the balance just right. The performances all shine, in particular Florence Pugh and Jack Lowden, while Stephen Merchant proves a steady and sure hand on directorial and script duties. *Recommended.*

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Coastal exploration for the Valeways walkers

AS the warn sunny February weather faded away and March promised to come in like a lion, seven Valeways walkers met John at the Horseshoe Inn in Marcross for a walk to the lighthouse and beyond.

They set off along the road to reach Monknash and turned towards the coast, passing the ruins of the Neath Abbey Grange Farm. They went over several restored stone stiles before crossing the fast flowing Nash brook.

They walked through the Blaen y Cwm nature reserve, noting the old mill before reaching the coast. Here they climbed up the steep slope, pausing half way to admire the view along the Heritage Coast towards Nash Point.

They were hit by a short shower as they walked along the cliff top but soon reached Cwm Nash for another drop down and climb up to pass the Cliff Top Café, optimistically open.

It was easy walking to reach the lighthouse, where Trinity House were carrying out maintenance work. A short coffee stop was taken before the group headed on towards Atlantic College.

The cliff path was narrow but part way along, the group came across a team from the council, who were cutting back the overgrown vegetation.

The walkers descended the path to reach St Donat's Bay and carried on along the cliff to reach King George's Field, named to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V.

Turning inland, the group walked through the grounds of Atlantic College and St Donat's Church. They walked up Cwm Hancorne to arrive at Parc Farm before crossing fields and passing Marcross Farm to arrive back at the pub, where food and drink waited.

The group would like to thank the landlady and staff of the Horseshoe Inn for their hospitality and the use of the car park.

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The Coffi Pig loses concession in the Vale

A FATHER and daughter team who ran a catering business from a converted horsebox at Ogmore-by-Sea beach have thanked dozens of well-wishers for their support after they lost their pitch.

Ian and Megan Llewellyn, who live in Llantwit Major, had run the popular business there for two and a half years but missed out during a tendering process.

They are now out of work and Mr Llewellyn said: "It was massively disappointing to miss out because we had built up the business there. However, the support of the local community has been superb.

"Our contract ran until Thursday, February 28 and we weren't notified until 10.30am on that morning that we'd missed out.

"We'll either have to get other jobs or get another pitch, but they are difficult to come by.

"On a positive note, we've had an incredible two or so years. We've made life-long friendships, met some amazing people and been welcomed by the Ogmore community."

Ian and Megan Llewellyn.

When the business announced what had happened on Facebook there were dozens of supportive remarks.

One poster said: "Ogmore just won't be the same without The Coffi Pig. You and Meg have done a fantastic job building your business and you don't deserve this."

Another person said: "We have enjoyed the quality service, products and fantastic customer service. You will be sorely missed by us and the other residents of Ogmore-by-Sea."

One woman said the tendering process should involve more than just the 'highest bidder' and that things like quality of service and unique selling points should be taken into consideration.

Mike Clogg of the Vale Council said: "We appreciate this has come as extremely disappointing news to the previous tenants, The Coffi Pig, and we would like to thank them for their excellent service over the last two years. "As a public authority it is necessary for us to subject our concessions to a competitive tender process every few years to ensure that other businesses have the opportunity to trade on council land and that we continue to receive best value for our council taxpayers.

"On this occasion another operator provided us with a better offer through the tendering process and the council is obligated to accept this tender from a business perspective.

"We look forward to working with the new concession holder and also hope that The Coffi Pig operators will be able to find a suitable alternative location for their operation, which will ensure their continued success."

He added: "Losing a concession is always difficult, particularly for well-established tenants, but the Coffi Pig owners will have been aware from the outset that their contract was due to expire on February 28 this year and that there was always a chance of their tender being unsuccessful due to the competitive tendering arrangements applied to such concessions."

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Generous gift on St David's Day for RNLI

BARRY Dock RNLI has thanked a local man who visited the lifeboat station on St David's Day to make a personal donation to the charity.

Spokesman Martin Thomas said: "Brian Whitehead called in to present our coxswain Martin Bowmer with a cheque for £150. It was a very kind donation and gratefully received. We want to thank him for his support."

Pictured above are Coxswain Martin Bowmer (left) receiving the cheque from Brian Whitehead (centre) along with crew member Nigel Parry.

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Time running out for the 'Save Llancarfan School' protestors

THE Cabinet of the Vale Council is standing firm in its intention to close Llancarfan Primary School, although the cabinet prefers to call it a case of "migrating" pupils to a new school in Rhoose.

Opposition to the closure was a factor last Thursday when the Vale Council's budget for 2019/2020 was voted down by a meeting of the full council.

Recently-elected Rhoose ward member Andrew RT Davies, and three other Conservatives voted against, although the closure was not the only factor in their decision.

Nevertheless, the cabinet voted to go ahead with the closure on Monday, March 4. It will now proceed to the Scrutiny Committee for discussion and then return to the cabinet for a final determination.

The GEM understands that Cllr Gordon Kemp, who represents Rhoose and is a member of the cabinet, proposed that the decision be deferred for 12 months, but this was defeated.

Andy Farquharson, a spokesman for the campaign group, said: "We are disappointed but unsurprised by the cabinet's decision, as we've long suspected it was a foregone conclusion.

"Our hopes now rest with the Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee to properly challenge the educational and business case for the new school before final approval.

"The objection report presented by officers to the cabinet was a lengthy rehash of their previous selective reports and did not properly address our concerns or adequately consider alternative options. At a time when the Vale Council is facing a difficult budget decision later this week, it does seem a waste of tax-payer's money to proceed with building a new school with significant surplus places, which will also divide the community in Rhoose to the detriment of Rhws Primary.

"By not properly holding officers to account, the cabinet has let down people right across the Rhoose ward, set a dangerous precedent which endangers all rural school communities throughout Wales, and as an action committee we will continue to explore options for a legal challenge, as well take the matter up directly with Welsh Government."

Cllr Andrew RT Davies, said: "I'm bitterly disappointed with the decision taken on Llancarfan School by the cabinet at the Vale Council - regrettably, common sense did not prevail.

"However, as a councillor for the ward I will continue to press the case for a viable alternative to these plans - the fight for Llancarfan School is by no means over."

Storm Freya arrives at Barry Island

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STRONG winds on March 3 heralded the arrival of Storm Freya along western stretches of the UK coastline.

Local photographer Paul Murphy took a photograph of Storm Freya arriving at Barry Island.

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BRENDAN Sweeney, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

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Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to it.

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

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We have had lots of deliveries, including the lovely Capri range, gorgeous tunics, day dresses and maxi dresses in super colours, pale grey mixed with lime and navy a perfect combination, team either with a pair of Pomodoro pull-on crops and you ready for any occasion.

The ever-popular Ficelle trousers arrived last week and are selling fast, fab colours this season perfect for teaming up with anything, cobalt blue, stunning red, green, and of course the brilliant neutrals.

As well as that we've also had the Pomodoro pull on also in super colours and I'm very glad to add another range called Anna Montana same lovely fabric as the Ficelle and Pomodoro, but with an added detail on the hem, call in and see for yourself.

The colours this season are really fabulous.

Bianca never fails to please ,the latest delivery is a gorgeous combination of navy and orange, printed trousers teamed with a twin set in orange or navy, very sophisticated.

Also in the same print a really gorgeous day dress, with pockets. What more could a girl want?

We have just received some lovely Olsen linen, which probably means the return from the "Beast from the East".

Seriously if you like linen you'll love this range. Marble is one of our best sellers, the jeans are in a rainbow of colours all with coordinated tops and skirts, if you like this range call in soon as it's flying out the door as quickly as it comes in.

Get ready for the March winds and April showers with the lovely selection of outer wear, gilets,water proof coats, dressier macs and lovely puffer jackets some that pack into a little bag... Phew I'm exhausted now.

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Cowbridge choir in fine voice in Taunton

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir were invited by Taunton Deane Male Voice Choir to sing at the Mayor of Taunton Deane's springtime charity concert on March 2.

The other guest for the evening was soprano Emma Edwards, who was originally from Llanharan but now lives in Taunton.

Taunton opened the evening singing 'Divine Brahma', 'Softly as I Leave You' and 'Gloria' by Mozart.

They were followed by Emma, who sang 'Ave Maria', 'Sae Tu M'ami, Se Sospri' and a wonderful rendition of 'Myfamwy'. She impressed with the quality and clarity of her singing.

It was now the turn of Cowbridge to keep up the standard.

With traditional Welsh hwyl they started with 'Cwm Rhondda' following this with 'O Gymru'. In contrast to these and other rousing numbers they sang, for the first time in public, Alwyn Humphries' arrangement of 'If We Only Have Love' from the musical Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris.

The first half was rounded off by Taunton and Cowbridge combing together and singing 'The Rose'.

Cowbridge opened the second half singing 'Calon Lan', and ending with 'National Glory', a celebration of the Six Nations Rugby arranged by their musical director Rhiannon Williams.

Emma Edwards sang her second set including 'The Turtle Dove', a traditional English folk song and ended with a song from Phantom of the Opera.

Taunton then returned to the stage with 'I have a Dream' and 'Nothing like a Dame' among others; they then combined with Emma in 'Let it Be Me'. The evening ended with Cowbridge and Taunton combining as a choir of about 100 with Emma in 'Morte Christe'.

Cowbridge will travel to London to sing at the Best of Wales Gala Ball in The Grosvenor Square Hotel on March 8: proceeds in aid of Velindre.

The choir's next home performance will be in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge. Tickets from Barnes Dry Cleaners Cowbridge or any choir member.

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Pencoed girl has a shot at stardom in Diana musical

A young woman from Pencoed, Natasha John, has been selected to head the cast of a new musical based on the life of Princess Diana, entitled *Call Me Diana*.

However, the show has not been given the green light yet, so Natasha will be getting ready for a 'Big Show' in London in September, when she will perform at a showcase event in Leicester Square - aimed at attracting investors.

It won't be Natasha's first 'Big Show' either - because she was surprised by Michael McIntyre, on his 'Big Show' in April 2016. On that show, she had the chance to sing with Michael Ball.

When he saw that show, Brian Watson, one of the writers and lyricist of 'Call Me Diana', made a note and he called her in January.

Natasha recaptures the famous Mario Testino photo of Princess Di.

Natasha sings with Michael Ball on the Michael McIntyre Big Show.

He thought the Welsh hairdresser might be just the person to play Diana, Princess of Wales. Her classical voice training was such that Brian talked it over with his co-writer, the show's composer, David Smart, and the show's director, John DeGaetano and they unanimously agreed to ask Natasha to audition.

"You know when it's right, when you've tears in your eyes and the hairs on the back of your neck are standing up", said Brian Watson.

His sentiments were confirmed when David Smart replied: "There's no doubt about it, we've found our star".

The Leicester Square Theatre is booked for the showcase in September this year. Brian added: "This long-awaited tribute is fit for a Princess, and now our wonderful star of the show is in place."

According to the production team, the death of the Princess will be handled in a delicate way, leaving the finale of the show uplifting, a celebration of the legacy Diana, Princess of Wales left behind.

The September showcase in London's West End is a sampling of the full production. The show will be performed to a limited number of ticket holders along with invited investors, producers, the media and special guests to build support for the full staged production spectacular.

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The closing date for submissions is noon on Friday 29th March 2019

Vale Council are to consider amended budget this Friday

THE Vale Council Leader, Cllr John Thomas has said an amended budget will go to a full council meeting this Friday, March 8, and that the proposed level of council tax, 4.9 per cent, will remain the same.

In the last few days Cllr Thomas has had discussions with the Labour group which has agreed to support him – in return for concessions. Last week, the council, a Conservative-Independent administration, lost a vote to get its budget for 2019-20 approved after four Conservatives joined opposition councillors to vote it down.

This week, Cllr John Thomas confirmed he had been in talks with opposition councillors to resolve matters. He said: "Following last week's budget vote I held discussions with members of my own group, including those who did not support the budget proposals as well as several other councillors.

"Talks continued in the days that followed and I am pleased to say that new budget proposals will now be presented to a special meeting of full council on Friday. These will include new measures to address a number of issues raised at the full council meeting and subsequently – such as an additional £100,000 for supporting local bus services and setting aside additional money to support community uses in the development of St Paul's Church in Penarth."

He said he had also agreed to a request from opposition councillors to review a number of areas of the council's work. Cllr Thomas went on: "If agreed on Friday, this new budget will represent a victory for grown-up politics in the Vale. Reaching this agreement has not been about doing deals, but rather being mature and perceptive enough to consider the needs of all the communities we serve."

The leader of the Labour group, Cllr Neil Moore, said he and his colleagues had opposed the original budget because they wanted to make a stand on the mismanagement of budgets. He said: "However, I had not expected that members of the Conservative group would vote against their own budget and as a result it was not approved.

"Due to the unprecedented event I agreed, along with Cllr Lis Burnett, to have discussions with the leadership of the council and negotiated an amended budget, which includes issues that we felt to be important for the people of the Vale.

"We did so knowing that unless a budget was agreed, it would be both irresponsible and illegal; and would leave vital services in jeopardy and the most vulnerable unprotected. "We have negotiated changes in the budget that included supporting buses that were at risk of stopping, along with support for communities, such as seed funding for the St Paul's Community Space Group in Penarth, which have been included in the amended budget.

"However, we also required other priorities to be included, outside the budget report. They are the creation of specific funding to refurbish and upgrade older and Victorian schools that do not qualify for 21st century funding; the removal of proposed town centre on-street parking charges; a review of LED replacement of non-standard lights; increased scrutiny to address current non-delivery of projects and savings; an audit of community facilities in Gibbonsdown and an equal geographic distribution of strong communities grant funding."

He said it would be "irresponsible" not to agree a budget and that's why he and his colleagues would ensure it was agreed. The leader of the Plaid Cymru group, Cllr Ian Johnson, said he thought it was unfair to ask people to pay more money for fewer council services when the Vale Council has substantial reserves:

He explained: "Disappointingly, the Conservatives and Labour voted together against our sensible and constructive suggestion of a 3.5 per cent increase in last week's meeting.

"We have already seen both Tories and Labour voting together for a 10 per cent increase on Barry Town Council, and understand that they have been meeting this week to talk about voting together on the Vale Council as well."

Cllr Gwyn John of Llantwit First Independents said that unless car parking proposals were dropped, he wouldn't back the budget. He said: "I am pleased that some money is promised towards bus services in the western Vale, but it is unlikely that I will support the new proposals on Friday unless Cllr Thomas scraps his plans to introduce car parking charges at Llantwit Major.

"If he expects residents of Llantwit Major to pay car parking charges on top of a 4.9 per cent increase in the budget then he can think again."

Cllr Thomas's decision to rely on Labour support will come as a bitter blow to the four Conservatives who helped to vote the budget down: Vincent Bailey, Janice Charles, George Carroll and Andrew RT Davies. It is understood they raised concerns with the Vale Leader over council tax levels in future years and called for a deferral on a decision over the possible relocation of Llancarfan School in Rhoose.

They released a statement early this week in which they said: "It would be wrong to look to the Labour Party for solutions to the problems created by a flawed funding system", adding that they hoped that a Conservative budget could be delivered on Friday.

A Welsh Government spokesperson said councils should avoid delays in setting a budget: "Under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 councils must undertake the calculations which underpin the budget and the council tax by March 11.

"While a budget is not invalid if it's agreed later than this date, councils cannot set their council tax rate and raise their own income until they have agreed their budgets. Councils will want to avoid the uncertainty delay causes to local people and businesses."

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What's on and where in your area

Friends And Neighbours in Palmerston centre

PALMERSTON Learning Community Centre FAN (Friends And Neighbours) group's topic this week was 'Good Manners'.

We are looking for new, friendly people to join our Palmerston group, which meets every Monday for one hour at 2pm to talk about our daily lives and a weekly topic over a free hot drink. There is no commitment or charge, and you do not have to book.

FAN meetings also take place every Tuesday at 10.30am in Golau Caredig (the old cinema), and every Wednesday at 11.30am in Barry Library.

We love welcoming new people to share our experiences. So come along and join us. For more information email: *carolinefan2018@gmail.com*

Vale classic car show

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys is once again organising the Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show, on May 27 in the grounds of the Sully Sports and Leisure Club.

Now in its seventh year, the event welcomes classic car enthusiasts from all over south Wales, the West Country and from far afield to share their passion for classic vehicles.

The show is for pre-1995 vehicles (no tracked vehicles or commercial vehicles) and will raise funds for Prostate Cymru and Barnardo's and other, local good causes.

If you wish to register your car for the show, you can do so online at: *www.valeofglamorganclassiccarshow.net*

Race Night in Coytrahen

THERE will be a race night at The Coytrahen Community Centre on Friday, March 15. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Entry is free with an option to purchase a race card (£1) which includes a raffle. We have a licensed bar and light refreshments are also available.

Save the date!

THIS year, Bridgend County Riding for the Disabled group are hosting a fundraising event at the Bridgend Show on July 12–14.

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Out & About with The GEM

What's on and where in your area

Valeways guided walks

ON Thursday, March 7 the Living With Cancer Strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre at 10.30am.

On Monday, March 11 experience A Hint of Spring: meet at the Toby Carvery on Port Road West, Barry (CF62 3BA) at 11am.

On Wednesday, March 13 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cosmeston will meet at 10.30am at the country park visitor centre.

The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Llantwit Major meet at 2.30pm in the town hall car park in Llantwit Major.

On Friday, March 15 at 10am meet at The Blacksmith's Arms in Llanmaes (CF61 2XR) for a walk around Llanmihangel and Sigingstone.

Quilters meet

GLAMORGAN Quilters have a change of venue and will be meeting at the Bonvilston Reading Rooms from 10am until 3pm on Saturday, March 9. Visitors always receive a warm welcome, so if you would like to learn more about quilting, come along. There is a £5 charge for visitors. This month's speaker is Joan Weston from Ad Hoc Art Company.

Repair Cafe

THE Repair Cafe will be open for business in Llantwit Major on Saturday, March 9 from 10am to noon at Bethel Baptist Church Hall.

Bring your portable household items, toys, bicycles etc for volunteers to attempt to fix where they can, while enjoying refreshments.

Children and parent fitness sessions in Llantwit

ARE you looking for something to do with your children on a Sunday morning?

A new fitness group for children and parents is starting on March 10 in Llantwit Major and will run every Sunday from 11am–12 noon at Seaview Park.

Children aged from five to 14 are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult.

Sessions are free as Llantwit Major Town Council has secured funds from the Vale of Glamorgan's Community Chest Grant scheme.

The town council applied for the grant following the success of the Ladies Bootcamp which also runs on a Sunday morning. Ladies Bootcamp will adopt the new start time of 9.30am and continue to meet at Llantonian Hall.

MP's surgery

CHRIS Elmore, MP for Ogmore has published his March advice surgery dates; constituents are welcome to attend to raise issues or concerns with him on:

Saturday, March 23: 10.30am-11.30am at Gilfach Goch Community Association – please note this is a caseworker surgery only.

Friday, March 29: 1pm–2pm at Chris Elmore MP's Office, 44a Penybont Road, Pencoed, a joint surgery with Huw Irranca-Davies AM.

Lunchtime concerts

ALL Saints Church in Penarth will hold the second in its programme of lunchtime concerts on Monday, March 11.

Performing for the first time at All Saints will be soprano Jaqueline Pischorn and classical guitarist Michael McCartney. Their programme will consist of songs for guitar and voice from the Romantic period by Weber and Kreutzer and solo pieces by Regondi and Giuliani. Michael will play on an instrument from 1800s Vienna. Free entry (donations welcomed) with doors open and refreshments available from 12.30pm, concert begins at 1pm and will last around an hour.

More information, contact Parish Administrator Dafydd G Jones on 02920 703170 or admin@allsaintspenarth.org.uk.

History Society

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be held on Monday, March 18 when Jane Graves will speak about 'Dyffryn Cory Women' at the Len Evans Centre, off Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF. Old and new members and visitors welcome; doors open 7pm for 7.30pm, refreshments available.

Introducing Highlight Park Cuppa

YOU are invited to a new Monday afternoon social gathering (sponsored by the Vale of Glamorgan Council Mayor's Foundation).

This is a chance for people to meet, chat, and make friends or just pop in for a cuppa after shopping. Everyone is welcome at Highlight Park Community Centre between 2.30pm and 3.30pm; twice a month commencing March 11, every second and fourth Monday of the month.

There will be a small charge for refreshments; this is a non-profit making voluntary venture, but we need regular supporters to enable us to continue with the venture.

Please come and support us: come along and make friends!

Lift Group

THE Lift Group offers friendship and support to those affected by breast cancer.

The group meets in a family home in Cowbridge once a fortnight, either between 10am and 1pm for relaxation therapies and coffee or 2pm to 4pm for other activities, such as speakers or trips out. Come and join us, bring a friend, for friendly, supportive and confidential get-togethers.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, call Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith on 01446 794176; we look forward to seeing you.

PACT meetings

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Gibbonsdown PACT at the Residents' Board, Coychurch Rise, Barry at 10.30am on Tuesday, March 12.

Meet Your Local Officer at Penarth Library on Thursday, March 7 between 11 am and 12 noon.

Llantwit Major police surgery at Llantwit Major Library on Tuesday, March 12 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

Coffee & Chat at the Watermill, Ogmore by Sea at 11am on Tuesday, March 19.

Spring Revival meetings

COME join us for some good old fashioned gospel preaching at Horeb Chapel, Dinam Close, Nantymoel (CF32 7PU) with Zach Johnson and local pastors.

You are invited to join us on March 23 at 6pm; March 25 at 7pm; March 26 at 7pm and March 27 at 7pm. There will be two speakers each evening.

For more information call Pastor Chris Bluto on 01443 675424.

Ocean Lounge Bar & Grill

We are open for the season from Friday, 8th March

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT - Michelle and Gareth welcome you.

Situated on Porthkerry Leisure Park, the Vale of of Glamorgan.

The Ocean Lounge is open to the general public and caravan owners. We serve breakfast and lunches from 9.00am until 2.30pm.
We are on the coastal path and welcome walkers to fill up water bottles free of charge. We have a dog-friendly patio with water bowls and a service bell for outside service. There's a family games room for you and your children. We have a wide variety of events which include local live music and themed evenings.

Food is also available during the evening, between 6.15pm and 9.00pm. Children welcome in the bar, accompanied by an adult, until 9pm.

Friday 8th March - Open for breakfast & Lunch - 9am - 2.30pm daily.
Opening Party Night - Retro Vinyl 80s Disco with spot prizes for fancy dress. All welcome.
Saturday 9th March - Open for Breakfast & Lunch - 9am - 2.30pm
Rugby - Wales v Scotland 2.00pm (half time sausage rolls and sandwiches)
Retro Vinyl 60s & 70s Night.
Saturday 16th March - RUGBY - Italy v France 12.30pm • Wales v Ireland 2.45pm • England v Scotland 5.00pm (Free chilli & Chips half time)
Evening Entertainment - Live Local Duo **"Harmony Bridge",** covering Everly Brothers, Fleetwood Mac & more.
Saturday 23rd March - Local Live Music - Male/Female Duo **"Session",** 8pm.
Saturday 29th March - Retro Vinyl 60s & 70s Disco
Saturday 30th March - Local Live Music - Male/Female Trio **"Now In A Minute"**
Bingo every Saturday night
Club opens 7pm

City Deal hands out the cash for new transport projects

THE Cardiff Capital Region City Deal has listed the first series of projects where cash will be spent, and these projects will focus on transport and infrastructure, with each council getting around £3 million spent in its area.

The £3 million intended for the Vale Council area will be spent on the development of a bus and rail interchange at Barry Dock Rail Station, complete with four to five bus bays, provision for taxis and the potential extension of the existing Park and Ride site. The £1.2 billion City Deal is financed, in the main, by the Welsh Government and the UK Government, but the 10 local authorities in the area are each contributing as well.

The Vale Council, for instance, is being asked to contribute around £.1 million each year over the next 10 years.

The project, named 'Metro Plus' is aimed at unceasing the number of passengers who use the railway each day from 40,000 to 80,000 across the city deal region.

The Leader of BCBC, Cllr Huw David, is the chair of the CCR Transport Authority. He said: "The schemes proposed through the Metro Plus programme have been drawn from the priorities of individual councils and mirror the 'Metro spine' – creating both short and longer-term opportunities for communities throughout south east Wales.

"The 10 proposed schemes within Phase 1 of the wider Metro Plus programme represent a diverse range of projects, with transport as the central component for enabling growth, expansion and opportunity to be unlocked.

"Metro Plus provides the potential to develop a whole programme of activity that contributes to, complements and enhances Metro and mobility delivery in the region."

Local company helps build Rhoose Lego Club

PICTURED (left to right) Amanda Ali, Rhoose Community Library Lego Club manager, Gabriella Barrington, Luke Nowell and Tarmac's Kara Bennett.

TARMAC'S Aberthaw plant is helping Rhoose Community Library expand its Lego Club after donating essential storage containers.

The club, which started last year and now welcomes around 20 young children each week, received the donation of four huge Lego containers to house their growing collection.

Set up to give local youngsters the chance to take part in various fun challenges to help improve maths, architecture and engineering skills, the club continues to grow but is reliant on donations in order to continue running.

Club volunteer, Christine Jakeway, said: "We are thrilled to have the support of Tarmac and without such donations, we simply wouldn't be able to put on the club each week. "Children think they're coming to play and build with Lego, but they're doing so much more. We have activities and challenges that require them to put their skills to the test in a fun environment.

"Tarmac has played a huge supporting role to the library and it's great that the team at Aberthaw is supporting us to put on more at the library so that it remains a facility for everyone in the local Rhoose community."

Kara Bennett, Tarmac Aberthaw's environmental co-ordinator, said: "When we found out about the Lego Club, we jumped at the chance to donate the storage boxes. We hope the club will encourage young people from all backgrounds in the community to develop in the areas of innovation and engineering.

"In our industry we know first-hand the importance of children playing with things like Lego – it really does open their minds and tests their various skills – you never know where it will help them in the future!"

Lego Club runs every Monday and Friday between 3.30pm-4.30pm at Rhoose Community Library.

A traditional Welsh welcome at Rhoose Library

ST David's Day was celebrated in traditional style at Rhoose Community Library.

Volunteers dressed in Welsh costume and refreshments including homemade Welsh cakes went down a treat. There was also a very successful raffle of authentic Welsh produce. The event raised £145 for library funds.

Pictured above is helper and library supporter, Barbara Milhuisen.

Planning approved for Hood Road goods shed development

PLANNING permission has been granted, subject to conditions, for the conversion of the historic Hood Road goods shed in Barry and construction of a "steel container village" alongside.

The Goodsheds development will become home to a mix of businesses including restaurants, a bar and brewery, a tech hub and 11 live-work residential units. There will be a total of 40 containers available for pop-up restaurants and small businesses.

Separate proposals on the same site include the delivery of up to 42 rental properties.

A single storey drive-through coffee bar and space for a farmers market are also proposed. Construction is expected to begin within months.

Trussell Trust managers meet Vale AM

VALE AM Jane Hutt met Trussell Trust operations manager for Wales and south west England Susan Lloyd-Selby and area manager Kate Gronow recently to discuss their work supporting food-banks in the Vale and across the UK.

Ms Hutt learned that the latest statistics suggest that foodbanks have experienced a record demand.

Ms Hutt said: "I understand that benefits issues, including the wait for a first Universal Credit payment, is a key trigger for a foodbank referral. I chair a Universal Credit Round Table and I know that referrals to foodbanks have gone up in the Vale as Universal Credit is rolled out."

"It is great to meet the Trussell Trust key managers who are based in Barry but work widely across the country."

Flower demonstration for floral society members

FLORIST Nicola from Budding Designs in Barry received a warm welcome on a warm February afternoon at Barry Floral Society's recent demonstration day.

Nicola said: "It was a privilege to be invited to provide the club with a flower demonstration. I thoroughly enjoyed talking them through and demonstrating different arrangements, floristry techniques and a few trade secrets.

"These ladies certainly know their stuff and I've met some lovely and knowledgeable members. They could not have been more welcoming."

Contact the Barry Floral Society to find out about becoming a member.

Domestic abuse referral service shortlisted for award

A HOUSING scheme providing support for victims of domestic abuse in the Vale has been shortlisted for a national award.

The Vale Council's Domestic Abuse, Assessment and Referral (DARRC) service has been recognised in the UK Housing Awards' 'Innovator of the Year' category.

Launched in 2018, the service aims to reduce the number of repeat incidents of domestic abuse by identifying, from the first instance, what support is most suitable for the resident.

The Council hopes to achieve an improved support pathway for the service user, improve efficiency by working closely with partner agencies – and to lower the risk of the incident escalating.

During the service's first six months, more than 1,100 referrals came in, with 89 per cent referred to the appropriate professionals for support.

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Business awards scheme launched

BRIDGEND Town Council has recently launched a new Business Awards scheme for 2018/19 which aims to acknowledge the contributions made towards life from businesses operating within the three Town Council wards of Morfa, Oldcastle, and Newcastle.

Anyone can nominate a business for one or more awards in the following categories: Best Shop Front Award; Best Customer Service Award; Disability Awareness award (this award is in conjunction with the Bridgend Coalition of Disabled People and Heronsbridge School); The Best New Business Award and The Business Community Award.

Information has been included on the Bridgend Town Council website at www.bridgendtowncouncil.gov.uk/latest-news.aspx and is on www.facebook.com/bridgendtowncouncil.

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Motor-cycle pilot 'to deter weaving and dodging'

MOTOR-CYCLES will soon be able to drive in bus lanes in the Vale.

The council is set to introduce a temporary traffic order for up to 18 months to allow motor-cycles in bus lanes, to deter them from weaving through traffic jams and dodging oncoming traffic.

If the pilot, which could last up to 18 months, is deemed successful motorcyclists would be able to drive in bus lanes permanently.

The Vale Council cabinet will consider the experimental traffic regulation order over the next two months.

The rules on whether motorbikes can use bus lanes without risking fines vary from one local authority to another.

Motorbikes are allowed to use bus lanes in Cardiff after the city's council held a six-month trial in 2015.

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Gwrando ar eich llais

Diolch ichi am gymryd yr amser i ymgysylltu â ni, naill ai trwy gymryd rhan yn ein pleidlais ar-lein neu adael eich sylwadau. Llwyddwyd i ymgysylltu â mwy na 1000 o bobl yn Y Barri, sy'n gyfradd ymateb ryfeddol.

Trwy gydol y broses ymgysylltu, mae'r Cyngor wedi cydnabod y bu rhai camganfyddiadau ynghylch gwaith y Cyngor Tref ac fe hoffem gymryd y cyfle hwn i gynnig rhywfaint rhagor o wybodaeth ichi.

Beth wnaethom ni olyn?

Cafynnodd Ymgynghoriad Cyllideb y Cyngor Tref a oedd trigolion Y Barri yn hapus iddo gynyddu'r gyllideb 89c y mis lcodiad o 20%) er mwyn gweithredu ei gynlluniau a'i wasanaethau.

Beth oedd eich adberth?

Yr ymateb gan y cyhoedd oedd nad oeddent yn croesawu'r cynnydd hwn. Roedd llawer o ddryswch ynghylch cyfrifoldebau'r Cyngor Tref a chyfrifoldebau Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, ac o'r herwydd nid oedd rhai sylwadau yn berthnasol i gyllideb y Cyngor Tref. Awgrymodd rhai y dylid gwario llai ar Dân Gwyllt, goleuadau Nadolig ac arddangosiadau blodau, ond roedd eraill yn hapus i dalu i gefnogi'r rhain. Roedd rhai sylwadau yn dangos camganfyddiad neu gamddealltwriaeth ynghylch cynigion y gyllideb a gwaith y Cyngor Tref.

Beth wnaethom ni?

O'r herwydd, gwrandawodd Cyngor Tref Y Barri ar y pryderon hyn ac fe gytarfu ar ddydd Llun, 11 Chwefror 2019 a phenderfynodd gynyddu'r gyllideb 10.04% - cynnydd o 44c y mis ar gyfer trigolion Y Barri, sy'n golygu y bydd talwr Treth Cyngor Band D yn Y Barri yn cyfrannu £57.86 i'r Cyngor Tref am y flwyddyn nesaf: cost o £4.82 y mis.

Pa arbedion wnaethom ni?

Cafodd arbedion eu gwneud trwy leihau cyllidebau ar gyfer llungopio, argraffu, deunydd swyddfa, lletygarwch y Maer a rhoddion dinesig, digwyddiadau corfforaethol, Goleuadau Nadolig, ymgysylltu cymunedol a thrwy ddefnyddio arian wrth gefn i dalu am welliannau i'r Fynwent (bydd ffens newydd sydd ei hangen yn costio £24,500).

Penderfynodd y Cyngor beidio cyflawni unrhyw brosiectau newydd yn y Fynwent nac yn Neuadd Pioneer ac i beidio neilltuo cyllideb o £50,000 ar gyfer cyflwyno gwasanaethau newydd i'r dyfodol. Mae'r Cyngor wedi lleihau faint o arian mae'n ei roi wrth gefn ar gyfer offer a pheiriannau a gwaith atgyweirio ffordd yn y Fynwent. Dylid nodi y dylai fod gan y Cyngor rhwng 3 a 12 mis o gostau gweithredol wedi'u cadw wrth gefn er mwyn cynnal llywodraethiant ariannol da.

Ar beth fyddwn ni'n canolbwyntio eleni?

Mae'r prosiectau mawr yn y flwyddyn ariannol nesaf yn cynnwys symud swyddfeydd i Neuadd y Dref fel y gallwn fod yn fwy canolog a hygyrch i'r cyhoedd yn ogystal â gorffen adeiladu Canolfan Cymunedol newydd yn Rhodfa'r Fynwent (mewn partneriaeth â Chyngor Bro Morgannwg).

Beth mae'r Cyngor Tref yn wneud?

Cyngor Tref Y Barri yw eich Cyngor lleol ac mae'n goriff cwbl ar wahân i Cyngor Bro Morgannwg. Y Cyngor Tref yw'r haen fwyaf lleol o lywodraeth, ac o'r herwydd ef sy'n delio à materion lleol sy'n effeithio'r Barri ac sy'n darparu rhai o wasanaethau cymunedol lleol Y Barri. Mae Cyngor Tref Y Barri yn gyfrifol am radog Mynwent Merthyr Dyfan, Neuadd Cymunedol Pioneer, swyddfa Maer y Dref, digwyddiadau a gweithgareddau lleol. Mae'r Cyngor yn ariannu'r arddangosiad Tân Gwyllt, Goleuadau Nadolig mewn ardalcedd siopa, ciniawau Nadolig i bobl hŷn, y Neuadd Coffa ac mae'n rhoi grantiau i fudiadau cymunedol lleol i gyflawni gweithgareddau. Mae'r Cyngor Tref yn cynnig sylwadau ar bob cais cynllunio ond ni all wneud penderfyniadau ar gynllunio. Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yw'r Awdurdod Unedol ac mae ganddo ddyletswyddau statudol y mae'n rhaid iddo eu cyflawni megis gwasanaethau cymdeithasol addysg, priffyrdd, sbwriel (i enwi rhai yn unig).

Mae Cyngor Tref Y Barri yn ariannu'r Goleuadau Nadolig ar y Stryd Fawr, Heol Holton a Chilgant y Parc. Mae'r goleuadau Nadolig yn cael eu cefnogi a'u gwerthfewrogi'n fawr gan fasnachwyr sy'n ysgwyddo costau'r trydan rhyngddynt. Mae masnachwyr y Stryd Fawr a Heol Holton hefyd yn trefnu'r digwyddiadau sy'n gysylltiedig â throi'r goleuadau Nadolig ymlaen, er enghraifft, a bydd yn codi arian ar gyfer y digwyddiadau hyn trwy gydol y flwyddyn. Maen nhw'n ami yn gwneud cais i'r Cyngor Tref am gymorth ariannol ar gyfer y digwyddiadau hyn hefyd. Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn gyfrifol am gau heolydd.

Mae Cyngor Tref Y Barri wedi ariannu arddangosiad Tân Gwyllt Y Barri a drefnwyd gan y Clwb Rotari am nifer o flynyddoedd. Mae'r Cyngor Tref yn ariannu cost y tân gwyllt, y system sain, yswiriant ac ati, ac mae'r Clwb Rotari yn codi arian trwy gydol y flwyddyn er mwyn cyflawni eu nodau elusennol. Eleni, cefnogodd Bord Gron Y Barri y digwyddiad trwy drefnu adloniant ychwanegol: y bwriad yw y bydd digwyddiad Fiesta Tân Gwyllt 2019 yn adeiladu ar un y llynedd. Roedd cyfraniad Cyngor Tref Y Barri y llynedd yn £10,000 er mwyn gwneud y digwyddiad yn un rhad ac am ddim i'r cyhoedd ac yn un cynhwysol y gallai pawb ei fwynhau.

Roedd yr arddangosiadau blodau yn Heol Holton yn fenter a gyflwynwyd i'r Grŵp Siopa'n Lleol gan fasnachwyr Heol Holton oedd yn teimlo y byddai gwella golwg yr heol yn gwella'r profiad siopa. Mae'r costau cychwynnol wedi bod yn uwch oherwydd y bu'n rhaid prynu'r potiau plannu, costau cyflenwi a'r costau cynnal a chadw parhaus y mae'r Cyngor yn eu talu i Cyngor Bro Morgannwg i'w cynnal a chadw yn rhan o'u His-adran Parciau. Felly, bydd y potiau plannu yn costio llai eleni. Y cynlluniau i'r dyfodol yw trefnu tim o wirfoddolwyr i ofalu am yr arddangosiadau er mwyn lleihau costau fwy fyth.

Sut allwch chi ddweud eich dweud?

- Rhowch adborth inni ar ein gwasanaethau
- Cali y cyhoedd ddod i gyfarfodydd y Cyngor Tref
- Mae agenda a chofnodion ar y wefan ac yn y Llyfrgell
- Os ydych yn fasnachydd lleol galllech ymuno à r grŵp Siopa'n Lleol
- Os ydych yn grŵp cymunedol, cysylltwch â'n Swyddog Datblygu Cymunedol i drafod eich syniadau

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Listening to your voice

Thank you for taking the time to engage with us, either by taking part in our online poll or leaving your comments. We engaged with over 1000 people in Barry which is a fantastic response rate.

Throughout the engagement process, the Council recognises that there have been a few misconceptions regarding the work of the Town Council and we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some further information.

What did we ask?

The Town Council's Budget Consultation asked if residents of Barry were happy for the budget to be increased by 89p per month (a 20% increase) in order to deliver its plans and services.

What did you feedback?

The response from the public was that this increase was not favourable. There was a lot of confusion about the Town Council's responsibilities and the Vale of Glamorgan Council's responsibilities so some comments were not relevant to the Town Council's budget. Some suggested spending less on Fireworks, Christmas lights and floral displays; whilst others were happy to pay to support these. Some comments showed a misperception or misunderstanding of the budget proposals and the work of the Town Council.

What did we do?

As a result, Barry Town Council listened to these concerns and met on Monday, 11 February 2019 and resolved to increase the budget by 10.04% - an increase of 44p per month to Barry residents, which means that a Band D Council Tax payer in Barry will be contributing £57.86 to the Town Council for next year; a cost of £4.82 per month.

What savings did we make?

Efficiencies and savings have been made by reducing budgets for photocopying, printing, stationery, Mayor's hospitality and civic gifts, corporate events, Christmas Lights, community engagement and by using reserves to fund improvements to the Cemetery (a partial new fence required will cost £24,500).

The Council resolved not to deliver any new projects at the Cemetery or at Pioneer Hall and not to put aside a £50,000 budget for future new services to be delivered. The Council has reduced how much it is putting into reserves for equipment and machinery and road repairs in the Cemetery.

It should be noted that the Council should have between 3 and 12 months operating costs held in reserves in order to uphold good financial governance.

What will we focus on this year?

Large projects in the coming financial year include moving the offices to the Town Hall so that we can be more central and accessible to the public as well as completing the building of a new Community Centre at Cemetery Approach (in partnership with the Vale of Glamorgan Council).

What does the Town Council do?

Barry Town Council is your local Council and a completely separate body to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Town Council is the most local layer of government and as such deals with local issues that affect Barry and offers some of Barry's local community services. Barry Town Council is responsible for running Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Pioneer Community Hall, the office of the Town Mayor, local events and activities. The Council funds the Fireworks display, Christmas Lights in shopping areas, older people's Christmas dinners, the Memorial Hall and gives grants to local community grants to deliver activities. The Town Council comments on every planning application but cannot make decisions on planning. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is the Unitary Authority and has statutory duties that it must deliver such as social services, education, highways, refuse (to name but a few).

Barry Town Council funds the Christmas Lights at High Street, Holton Road and Park Crescent. The Christmas lights are supported and appreciated greatly by Traders who fund the electricity costs between themselves. High Street and Holton Road Traders also organise the events which accompany the Christmas lights switch on, for example and will fundraise for these events throughout the year. They often apply to the Town Council for financial support for these events too. The Vale of Glamorgan Council is responsible for road closures.

Barry Town Council has funded the Barry Firework display for a number of years organised by the Rotary Club. The Town Council funds the cost of the fireworks, the PA system, insurance etc. whilst the Rotary Club fundraises throughout the year to deliver their charitable aims. This year, Barry Round Table supported the event by organising additional entertainment; it is planned that the 2019 Fireworks Fiesta event will build on last year's. Barry Town Council's contribution last year was £10,000 in order to make the event free to the public and inclusive for all to enjoy.

The floral displays at Holton Road were an initiative brought to the Shop Local Group by traders of Holton Road who felt improving the appearance of the road would improve the shopping experience. The initial costs have been higher due to the purchase of the planters, delivery and the ongoing maintenance costs that the Council pays the Vale of Glamorgan Council to maintain as part of their Parks Division. Therefore, the planters will cost less this year. The future plans are to enlist a team of volunteers to maintain the displays to reduce the costs even further.

How can you have your say?

- Give us feedback on our services
- The public can attend Town Council meetings
- Agendas and minutes are on the website and in the Library
- If you are a local trader you can join the Shop Local group
- If you are a community group, get in touch with our Community Development Officer with your ideas

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Rotary club celebrates St David's Day

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Barry and their guests celebrated St David's Day in style with a breakfast in Brynhill Golf Club early on the morning of March 1.

President Jill Osborne welcomed everyone, especially guest speaker RIBI national president elect Donna Wallbank, thanking them all for their support so early in the morning! Associate member Beth Longley then said Grace in Welsh.

After a most appetising full Welsh breakfast prepared by chef Mark and his staff, president Jill introduced Donna Wallbank who gave a most interesting talk on her Rotary journey and spoke of many of the projects that Rotary is involved in, encouraging everyone to work together for a peaceful world, while also paying tribute to St David.

President Jill Osborne warmly thanked Donna for taking time from her busy schedule to attend the St David's Day breakfast, presenting her with flowers and a Welsh love spoon; and wished her every success for her year as RIBI national president 2019/20, which will begin on July 1.

A raffle and closing toast to 'Rotary International and Rotarians the world over' concluded a special morning of Rotary friendship and fellowship to celebrate St David, the patron saint of Wales.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in Brynhill Golf Club on Thursdays at 6.30pm. For further information contact Barry Rotary president elect David Jakeway on 07533 048620 or look online at www.ribi.org.

Pictured from left: Barry Rotary Club secretary Ann Harrhy, Area 4 governor Brian Pippen, president Jill Osborne, Donna Wallbank, District 1150 governor Clive Edwards, Mr Steve Wallbank and Mrs Gill Edwards.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email **editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk** or call **01446 774484**

'All-Wales approach to revising speed limits needed' says councillor

THE Vale Council's cabinet member for Neighbourhood Services and Transport, Cllr Geoff Cox, has written to Minister for Economy and Transport Ken Skates AM to set out the council's view that 20mph speed limits cannot be realised unless Welsh Government takes the lead and sets an all-Wales approach.

While traffic speed is recognised as being a major contributory factor to the severity of road traffic collisions, evidence to date on the success of 20mph limits, in respect to them having any significant impact on road traffic collisions or casualties, is limited. Cllr Cox said: "I can see the potential benefits of 20mph speed limits for specific traffic speed related problems. I recognise that there are a number of local and national groups advocating the introduction of such limits on a significant scale across the Vale of Glamorgan, a number of whom I have personally met; however I am also aware that there are many residents in the Vale who are opposed to the concept.

"Changing the minimum speeds in many areas of the Vale from 30mph to 20mph, as is being suggested by some groups, represents a major decision for this council and one which I feel requires input and guidance from our national Government; due to the lack of evidence available of their success to date, the juxtaposition of our residents, the cost of their introduction (which is estimated at £700k for this council), and the fact that this is a Wales, or even, a UK wide issue."

There are a number 20mph zones in the Vale of Glamorgan, the majority of which have been implemented as part of an initiative to create safer routes to schools.

Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

St David's Day celebrated at charity twmpath

THE Vale for Africa charity held a twmpath on St David's Day at the St Donat's Centre at Atlantic College. The event was supported by Jane Hutt AM, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major and Barry town council mayors and the Lord Lieutenant Morfudd Meredith.

Raising funds for the charity's Eye Care Project in the Tororo district of Eastern Uganda, local optometrists led by Ted Arbuthnot take an eye care team on an annual visit to the area to provide treatment and training.

The twmpath provided an opportunity for more than 100 people to hear more about the work in Uganda, including support for students at Atlantic College from the Tororo community.

Vale-built Aston Martin DBX on show at No. 10 St David's Day event

THE best of Welsh industry, produce, and culture was celebrated at 10 Downing Street at a reception hosted by the Prime Minister for St David's Day.

Among those celebrating Wales' national day were world-renowned fashion designer Julien Macdonald OBE and Chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union Gareth Davies.

The new Aston Martin DBX – built at the marque's new manufacturing plant in the Vale – was parked in Downing Street. The site will become Aston Martin's 'home of electrification', putting Wales at the forefront of electric technology and bringing over 700 new jobs to the region.

Inside Number 10 Welsh creative talent was centre stage; Julien Macdonald showcased a selection of his fashion range while guests enjoyed musical performances from Welsh choir Côr Llundain and harpist Dylan Wyn Rowlands.

Prime Minister Theresa May said: "The sheer breadth of talent and industry represented here today is testament to the huge contribution the people of Wales make both at home and on the world stage.

"From music to manufacturing, fashion to food, it is a real privilege to celebrate Wales' proud heritage and bright future ahead of St David's Day.

"Wales has a truly global outlook and I am determined to see this great nation go from strength to strength."

Secretary of State for Wales, and Vale MP, Alun Cairns (pictured with Aston Martin Lagonda CEO Dr Andy Palmer) said: "I am delighted to celebrate St David's Day by opening the doors of No10 once again to welcome guests from all aspects of Welsh culture in celebration of our unique history, language, sporting and business achievements.

"I'd like to thank all those who came together to make the event a success today. It is a clear demonstration of the UK Government and the Prime Minister's commitment to Wales, recognising that Wales is an integral part of our union."

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Brass band and choir perform for charity

BARRY Community Choir and Barry Brass Band performed at the recent charity concert for the Mayor of Barry, held last month in St Helen's Church, Barry.

The band played a selection of music, and the choir of over 30 singers, sang melodies old and new.

Thanks to all who organised the event and supported it on the night; we hope that it raised a large sum for the Mayor's charities.

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS Y BARRI Rhifau 31 a 73) (CAU DROS DRO) 2019

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gwneud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodlenni isod: -

ATODLEN 1

1. Ni chaiff unrhyw un gerdded yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

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1. No person shall proceed on foot in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

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Two busy months start the year at Camera Club

AFTER the excesses of Christmas and the New Year celebrations, Barry Camera Club met on January 4 for a presentation of prints by Barbra Archdale-Smith, ARPS.

Barbra is a long-established member of the club, having served on committee for many years including stints as both chair and vice-chair. For the first half of the evening we were treated to some exquisitely presented pictures of Tuscany and Venice, which included the images that formed her successful ARPS panel.

The landscapes of Tuscany were the result of multiple visits over a number of years and displayed the deep love she has for the area. After coffee we were shown Barbra's other work, taken throughout Europe over the years, which demonstrated a wide variety of subject matter and general pictorial styles, all backed up by her usual high-quality printing and presentation. Thank you, Barbra, for a very enjoyable evening.

The 11th of the month featured Brian Coleman EFIAP, FWPF, who we have not seen for some time. Instead of the usual pictorial evening, Brian gave us a talk entitled 'What I Look For As A Judge'.

Our monthly competition is fiercely contested but we do seem to get one or two of the members being more successful than most of the others.

This presentation gave the rest of us lesser mortals some clues and tips on how to make our entries more acceptable to a judge. Having made us aware of the importance of style, composition, subject matter and presentation, we were given a practical session where Brian showed us some of his own work and asked us to award a score to it, as if we were judging it.

After we had cast our votes he told us the scores that each had received when they were entered into various competitions – needless to say the marks often differed considerably, which Brian explained was due to our voting high on pictures that we liked and low on those that we did not.

This summary explained why some of our pictures have not scored as well as we would have liked. In all, this was a very interesting and rewarding night, especially as Brian is booked to judge one of our monthly competitions later in the year.

On January 18 we were given a joint presentation by two of our members, Dave Green and Kathy Edwards. Each gave an impressive and varied presentation based upon their particular interests. Dave showed a wide variety of sport and music subjects, and Kathy showed us shots taken on her travels over the years.

On the first of February we were given a fabulous presentation by Alyn Wallace, of Llanelli. Alyn battled the weather to get to us and present his low light 'nightscapes' and astro-photography work and was welcomed warmly.

He first came to us a year ago and it was obvious then from the quality of his work that he would be a great success. Since then, he has gone from strength to strength having success in major competitions such as Astro Photographer of the Year, numerous periodical publications and image sales; his success has been so great that he has now turned professional.

The scope of his work is truly phenomenal: Turkey, the Dolomites, Iceland, the Canary Islands, Spain and Italy all featured as well as numerous shots taken in the Brecon Beacons.

The night-sky shots showed star trails, meteor showers and images of the Milky Way, with a particularly memorable shot taken on the Spanish island of La Palma, showing the moon rising through the arch of the Milky Way.

Alyn was very generous with tips and advice explaining in detail his entire workflow and describing what equipment is needed and, more importantly, how to use it! Several of the members have expressed an interest in trying out this technique and we look forward to seeing some of their efforts in future competitions.

Thank you, Alyn, for one of the most interesting nights we have had in a long time and we look forward to your next visiting on January 20 next year,

On February 8, we visited the Vale Camera Club at Ynysowen for our annual seven-way print battle. Each club entered four colour prints and four monochrome prints. The competition judge gave a constructive and critical assessment and expressed his pleasure at the quality on show, with Barry coming a creditable joint third.

On the 15th we were visited by Gerald Davies who gave us a talk entitled 'Photographic Composition from Basic to Advanced Techniques'.

Gerald, a vastly experienced photographer, gave a very succinct definition of "composition – to arrange the subject matter in the frame to give a pleasant photograph". A more detailed explanation dealt with the major compositional tools of the 50/50 split, the rule of thirds, the golden ratio, symmetry, leading lines and many others.

One of the key points he made was that it is not essential to have a bag full of expensive equipment to make good photographs – as the famous landscape photographer Ansel Adams once said: "The single most important component of a camera is the 12 inches behind it."

The final meeting of the month on the 22nd was, as always, our monthly competition and the guest judge on this occasion was old friend of the club Johnnie Rogers ARPS, AFIAP, AWPF, CPAGB. Johnnie gave a measured and constructive criticism and expressed his pleasure in the overall standard of the entries which inevitably led to the marking being very close.

Best mono print scoring 20 points was judged to be Glenn Porter's 'North American River Otters'. Second place, scoring 19 points, was Rob Owens' 'Timber Remains' and third place with 18 points was awarded to Barbra Archdale-Smith for her 'Demi Johns'. Highly commended in the monochrome prints section was Glenn Porter for 'Trwyn Du Lighthouse.

Colour prints were equally tightly marked. Glenn Porter did rather well, gaining first place with 20 points for 'Early Morning On The River Frome'.

Barbra Archdale-Smith gained second place and 19 points for her '44 Over Three' and Kathy Edwards was awarded third place and 18 points for 'Picnic On The Edge'. Highly commended in this section was Rob Owens for 'Autumn at Llyn Trawsfynydd'.

The projected images section did, as usual, attract the largest entry and Johnnie found it easier to separate the highest scorers in this section. First place was won by Glenn Porter who was awarded 20 points for 'Quad Bike Racing', Philippa Evans gained second place and 19 points for 'Frozen Lake!' and third place with 18 points was awarded to Glenn Porter for 'Surfer'.

Just missing out on the placings was Nicola Thwaite, who was awarded a highly commended and 18 points for her 'Streets of Morocco'. Congratulations to all for a well-deserved 'mention in despatches', in particular to Glenn for multiple successes.

Throughout the rest of the year we have a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned. New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

During the summer we will be holding open days and field trips to encourage people to learn a little more about the art of photography and produce better pictures.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry, CF62 6NX. We are a very friendly organisation and new members of all experience and skill levels are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit barrycameraclub.co.uk.

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Bridgend Athletic mini and junior round-up

The under-14s team pictured post-match!

THE under-13s welcomed Blackwood to Newbridge Fields on Sunday morning.

The weather meant it was a game for the forwards and most of the first half was a real battle up front with good hard running and both packs trading turnovers for fun.

There was space out wide though and with good hands along the back line it was the Ath who scored the first try. The ball went along the line to Harvey Tooze, who had the pace to run down the touch line, outpacing the Blackwood defence before cutting inside the full back and scoring a great try under the posts which Charlie Rees converted.

It was Blackwood who finished the half stronger scoring two quick tries getting outside the Ath defence on both occasions and crossing the line, with one try converted to leave the Athletic trailing 7-12 at half-time.

The second half started as per the first with both sets of forwards enjoying the old-fashioned conditions and turning the game into a real arm wrestle.

It was Blackwood who got on the scoresheet first to extend their advantage to 7-17. It was through the forwards that the Ath responded with some good pick and goes, which resulted in a couple of quick penalties that put the team in the corner.

From the resulting line out a well drilled planned move allowed Rhydian Greenhall to show good strength and crash over in the corner. The conversion was missed from out wide.

From the restart Blackwood came back hard with some added intensity and pace and following some quick recycling they scored a converted try under the posts.

The game ended slightly prematurely with an injury to one of the Blackwood team; we wish him well with his recovery. The final score was 12-24 to Blackwood.

Next up for the under-13s is the proposed final away fixture of the season against Aberdare before three home games to complete the season. **The under-14s travelled to play Porthcawl on a day when the weather proved to be as tricky as any opponent. It was credit to Porthcawl that they managed to get the game on at all.**

It was the home team scoring first, opting to take three points after a high tackle. However, the Ath hit back with some impressive forward work before Fynn Bull picked up and chipped over for Josh Stephens to win the touchdown. A touchline conversion from Jack Whitten saw the Ath lead 3-7. That lead was soon extended when the ball was moved to the left and McKenzie Grey beat his marker, kicked ahead and won the race to the line 3-12

Back came Porthcawl just before half-time and they claimed a try when a clearance kick fell short to allow a run in under the posts to make the interval score 10-12.

In the second half conditions were deteriorating, but both teams kept up the tempo set in the first 30. The Ath got their third try from strong forward play which resulted in a scrum and bringing Jack Whitten onto the ball at pace to score and make the scoreline 10-19

The Seasiders set up a last wide attack only to see Mc Kenzie Grey intercept and score to end the game with a well-earned victory for the Ath, 10-24.

Everyone contributed today and in Ryan Goodfellow, on his birthday, the Ath had a forward who led by example and showed a lot of power in the tight phases. Well done Ath.

The under-15s played their Ospreys Cup semi-final against Trebanos at Newbridge fields.

The players' optimism was good despite our hooker breaking his shoulder in a District game two weeks earlier and two of our centres missing, one through injury and the other away.

Losing the toss of the Ath played with the wind first half and from the first lineout Trebanos showed their intent with a big driving maul resulting in a try.

Trebanos sneaked another try out wide with poor tackling from the Ath. The Ath responded with a try from Evan Beach after numerous infringements by Trebanos for killing the ball, the half-time score 5-10.

The second half got under way and, with the half a game rule, six player changes were made. It was proving difficult for the Ath to get any momentum to their game, however the Ath did put a number of phases together after repeat infringements at the breakdown by Trebanos, with a well-worked try from a lineout by Luke Griffiths.

It wasn't long before Trebanos hit back with a horrible bounce of the ball beating the Ath winger for Trebanos to pull away. The Ath forwards were getting more frustrated at the breakdown as Trebanos were slowing the ball down at every opportunity and the Ath started giving away a few silly penalties allowing Trebanos easy points with the wind at their back and sealing the win for them, the final score 28-10 – the club wish Trebanos all the best for the final.

A B

Bridgend Bridge Club news

BRIDGEND Bridge Club members did well in the recent West Wales Bridge Association Mixed Pairs competition, occupying all three of the top positions:

First, Emer Disley and Tony Haworth; second, Linda Pinnock and Steve Burgoyne; third, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan. Nationally, Emer Disley and Tony Haworth were second.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

The Welsh Simultaneous Pairs was played on February 27: Equal first, Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock, and Alan Heath and Rob Forman; third, Tony Disley and John Evans. The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock.

On February 28: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Barry Collins and Joan Ralph; third, Dilys Bowser and Clive Edwards. The winners on handicap were Barry Collins and Joan Ralph.

On March 1: First, Tony and Emer Disley; second, Carolyn Matthews and Irene Thomas; third, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Tony and Emer Disley.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Before the Thursday afternoon session at 1pm, Steve Burgoyne will continue his series of seminars on the rules of bridge.

GJ

Away win sees Llantwit Major AFC continue their good league form

LLANTWIT Major ACF travelled to Afan Lido aiming to continue their fine run with only one defeat in their last seven league games, and were also looking to seek revenge for the defeat at home against the same opponents last November.

In very windy conditions which would play a major factor in the game, Llantwit played against the wind in the first half.

Llantwit were quick out of the starting blocks and as early as the first minute as Rob Jones broke down the left wing and crossed to Mike Hartley at the far post who headed the ball back to centre forward Max Morgan, who, from just inside the Afan Lido goal area, shot over the crossbar.

Both teams found it difficult to play in the windy conditions, and it was not until the 25th minute that Llantwit created another chance when a cross into the Afan Lido six-yard box by left back Connor Goldsworthy found striker Anthony Rawlings just head over the crossbar.

Llantwit had a major scare in the 41st minute when from just inside the Llantwit Major half the Afan Lido midfielder saw that Jack Lansdown in the Llantwit goal was off his goal line and tried his luck to shoot from around 45 yards out, only to see the ball rattle the crossbar and rebound back into play straight to the Afan Lido striker Mark Jones, whose subsequent shot brought out a fine save from Lansdown and the ball was eventually cleared by the Llantwit defence.

Half-time arrived with the score 0-0 in an evenly balanced first 45 minutes.

With the wind behind them in the second half Llantwit grew in confidence as Afan Lido were finding it difficult to clear the ball out of defence in the very strong wind and were having difficulty in having any continuity to their play from the pressure that Llantwit were applying.

In the 54th minute Llantwit took the lead when from an Afan Lido goal kick, Max Morgan brought the ball down on the halfway line and passed to Mike Hartley who then put a pass through to left wing Rob Jones, who broke clear of the Afan Lido defenders and coolly lobbed the keeper to score.

Within a matter of a minutes Llantwit could have scored again when Max Morgan beat the offside trap to go through on goal, but his shot went wide of the far post from around eight yards out.

Llantwit were to hold the lead for only 10 minutes before Afan Lido equalised in the 64th minute when they allowed striker Chris Hartland to dribble into their goal area and his left-footed shot along the ground caused difficulty for Llantwit keeper Jack Lansdown, who could only push the shot away to an oncoming Afan Lido player to score.

Llantwit finally got their just reward in the 72nd minute when they scored their second goal and regained the lead. A header from centre half Sean Williams on the halfway line saw striker Anthony Rawlings break clear of his defender and, from just inside the Afan Lido goal area, his shot was too powerful for the oncoming keeper to stop.

Llantwit kept up the pressure and defender Sean Williams was unlucky when his header from a Llantwit corner from around six yards out saw the keeper produce a fine reflex save to deny him a goal.

With a few minutes remaining on the clock Josh Jones then had a chance to score when from the edge of the area, and with the Afan Lido keeper to beat, he shot wide of the goals.

The final score was 2-1 to Llantwit and this was another tremendous away win, with Afan Lido before the game lying in fourth place in the league table.

This win now extends Llantwit's record of only one defeat in the last eight League games which sees them remain in six position in the league.

Llantwit's next league game will be away to Cambrian & Clydach on Saturday, March 9 with a 2.30pm kick-off.

Llantwit Major: Jack Lansdown, Jamie Miller, Kristian Evans, Sean Williams, Connor Goldsworthy, Lewis Brown (Josh Jones 69), Mike Hartley, Jonathan Butler (c), Rob Jones (Leeroy Jones 84), Max Morgan (Kyran Gardner 78), Anthony Rawlings. Substitutes not used: Darren Robinson, Ben Cripps.

DJ

Llantwit Major RFC run in six tries to rout Llandaff

LLANTWIT Major RFC travelled into the capital to take on Llandaff and for the second game running, scored six tries in an emphatic 0-44 win at Bishops Field.

The Blood and Blacks enforced their game plan from the off as they kept the game tight and relied on their strong set pieces to gain ascendency and they were soon in control, especially in the scrum.

Llandaff though came out of the blocks just as fast and were resolute in defence and making some good ground themselves as the first quarter edged back and for.

However, the pressure was slowly building in Llantwit's favour and shown by the award of two penalties in succession which Howley slotted over, despite being a good way out.

The first try was soon coming as scrum half Ryan Evans quickly spread the ball to a makeshift back line, Howley slicing through the remaining defence to gallop over in the corner, converting his own try from the touchline.

The second try came crucially just before half time, Dan Bawden was on hand to drive over. Howley again converted from out wide to give the visitors a 0-20 lead at the break.

The team talk at half time was all about keeping to the game plan and not letting their opponents back into the game.

A strong lineout on the Llandaff 22 saw Llantwit drive towards the try line and, when a scrum was awarded, Watts offloaded to scrum-half Evans to scamper over in the corner. Howley added the conversion with another big kick.

The fourth try was a real killer blow to Llandaff, Evan Holloway speeding over in the corner for a unconverted try.

Holloway was again touching down in virtually the same spot this time a peach of a try coming straight out of attack coach Rob Morgan's manual.

The last period was really all about Llandaff as they went all out to salvage some pride and attacked the Llantwit line form every quarter. Llantwit though were just as determined to keep out their opponents and a right battle ensued.

It was the visitors who had the final say as a now-shattered Llandaff conceded a scrum on their own 22 as the Llantwit eight powered over them. After several phases centre Austin released a pass for fullback Morgan to stroll round to the posts.

Howley finished as he started by kicking the final points.

A great performance on the road for the Blood and Blacks and a great spectacle for the viewer, of which it must be said, although Llandaff had a couple of key players missing, they more than played their part in.

Man of the match was number eight Gareth Watts, who made the hard yards and linked well at the base of the scrum. Further mention went to the half backs; Evans was like a general in organising his pack and Howley braced 19 points of his own.

The Llantonians now have another enforced break, their next game not until Saturday, March 23 when they face the daunting task of the long trip up to Treherbert to take on the Red Devils.

The Rhondda Valley outfit are already one up, having beaten Llantwit 15-18 in a tight game at home earlier this season, and will no doubt be determined to do the double and also earn some valuable points as they are still well in contention for promotion.

Off the field, the clubhouse will be showing all the international rugby with all three bars open, including the function room.

AH

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Seven Sisters edge out Pencoed RFC

SEVEN Sisters RFC opened with the strong breeze at their backs in this game against Pencoed RFC, and threatened through their three-quarter line, with only a desperate ankle tap tackle from centre Shane Izatt preventing a score.

Despite being under pressure in their own 22 in the opening minutes it was Pencoed who opened the scoring, flanker Jack Thompson collecting a grubber kick through before feeding right wing Rhys Clarke who broke clear down the touchline to outpace the home cover over 75 metres-plus to score at the posts, Andrew Williams adding the conversion.

The home side then missed a couple of penalty opportunities before counter-attacking from some 40 metres out. Right wing Daniel Short raced over wide out and levelled matters with a fine touchline conversion.

The kicking of Pencoed full back Tom Cross into the breeze was proving invaluable to his side in terms of territory and outside half Williams capitalized with a fine 42-metre penalty goal.

The Pencoed lead was unfortunately shortlived, failing to deal with the restart and Seven Sisters swept play to the Pencoed line where No8 Jon Hapgood went over in the corner, Short adding the extras.

Pencoed returned to the attack, and, following a Thompson turnover, Lloyd Bargery, Izatt, and Gareth Prentice all went close but the home defence held out and they led 14-10 at the break.

The opening scrum of the second half saw Pencoed under pressure, with the home side unable to take advantage from the resultant penalty.

Pencoed were once again having problems in securing their ball at the lineout. However, the next scrummage provided a solid platform and No8 Prentice took his opportunity, breaking a tackle on the blindside to score in the corner. Williams added a fine conversion.

Seven Sisters then got a foothold in the Pencoed 22 and with another Pencoed lineout going astray they then regained the lead somewhat contentiously at the next scrum to lead 19-17.

The home side then increased their lead with their threequarters handling well to put left wing Dyfan Harris over in the corner.

To their credit Pencoed finished the match strongly, Ashley Halse doing well to snap up loose lineout possession with skipper Dano Howells and brother Chris Howells both threatening the home line with strong runs, but the home defence held out for a 24-17 win.

Captain Howells, Harri Legg Edwards, Jack Thompson, and Prentice were all prominent in the Pencoed forward effort, but their failure to secure the restarts and a malfunctioning lineout had once again cost them dear.

Coach Keith Burke commented he was generally satisfied with the performance but felt that the late withdrawal of a couple of players had let the squad down. Pencoed will return to league action at home to Resolven on March 23, 2.30pm kick-off.

TR

Nantymoel youth secure narrow win

NANTYMOEL RFC Youth took on Tonna at home at the Old Park on Saturday.

Nantymoel started the game strongly with a try inside the first 10 minutes coming from full back Callum Brown who crashed over the line, followed by another try five minutes later from outside half Ellis Jones who chased his own kick through to go in at the corner.

Several penalties then cost Nantymoel, resulting in Tonna getting two of their own tries, going in at half-time 10-10.

The second half saw centre Dafydd Jones show good footwork and speed away to score a great solo try, with Ellis Jones getting the extra two points making it 17-10.

Nantymoel started to show their quick playing style with off-loads and good running which set up another break for Dafydd Jones, who popped the ball to skipper Harri Sendell to go under the sticks with Ellis Jones successfully converting.

The Tonna pack then began to gain some ball and with heavy runs through the middle they were able to get two tries of their own, bringing the scores to 24-22 with just three minuets left.

Nantymoel were then able to regain the ball from the restart and kept the ball tight for prop Harry Radcliffe to go in for a try, making the final score 29-22 to Nantymoel.

Nantymoel look to make it three out of three in the league as they take on Maesteg away next in what will be a tough encounter.

AB

Matthew becomes an Athletic centurion!

Matthew Norman in action (Picture by John Cannon).

SATURDAY, March 2, saw Bridgend Athletic RFC prop Matthew Norman lead out and play a prominent role for Bridgend Athletic RFC in the 45-9 home win against Llantrisant and become the latest player to feature in 100 first XV games for the team.

In all he has played 109 senior games. Matthew is a prop forward with a flanker's mobility around the field. A very useful asset in a team looking to play expansive rugby. He has scored seven senior tries.

Matthew's association with the Athletic started in the under-12s junior section carrying on through the age groups and captaining the under-16s. He also represented Wales under-13-15 age groups at rugby league.

In his first season in youth he played alongside Rhys Webb and Welsh youth cap Jonathan Jones in the side that won the Webb Ellis Welsh Youth Cup at Aberavon RFC in 2007.

Matthew then played alongside current first XV squad players Nathan Holman, Aled Thomas and current club captain Ben Howe in the 2008-2009 Athletic youth side captained by Ben Howe. This is the only Athletic youth side to record a Welsh League and Webb Ellis Welsh Youth Cup double, defeating Merthyr in the league and Whitland in the respective cup finals, both at the then Millenium Stadium.

Others in the squad that season included Matthew Morgan, Tom Habberfield, Lloyd Evans, Luke Morgan, Lloyd Ashley (Peers), Rhodri Apsee, Lewis Davies, Michael Hathaway, Luke Yardley, Tom Morgan and Rhys Ward Jones. What a squad the Ath could field today if they were a semi or fully-professional team. During his youth years Matthew also captained Brynteg Schools first XV.

Following that excellent youth season Matthew played two full seasons, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011, making 41 first XV Athletic appearances before going to Premiership side Swansea. He played 37 games for Swansea, scoring two tries. While at Swansea he represented the Welsh Crawshays XV in a win against Cambridge University.

Despite a season of 23 games in 2013-2014, it wasn't until last season, 2017-2018, we saw Matthew fully back in Athletic colours. In between he had a short spell at Tata Steel before taking a rugby break while joining the Fire Service, who he has represented at rugby for both the Welsh and British Fire Service teams.

Unfortunately, Matthew's 2017-2018 season, when the Athletic finished third in Division 1 West Central, was curtailed by suffering a badly broken ankle on March 10 2018 at the Morganstone Brewery Field during a 40-14 win against Kenfig Hill. He eased himself back into action with two second XV games this season, before returning to first XV action and has played 10 first XV fixtures this season, helping the club rise to third position in the National League Division One East Central with eight wins from the last nine league games.

AB

Action from the under-13s' Opsreys Cup semi-final.

Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

THE under-11s played in a round robin at Pencoed where they faced Pencoed, Kenfig Hill and Maesteg Celtic.

They drew 10-10 in an entertaining game with the hosts Pencoed, before losing 5-25 in a hard-fought game against Kenfig Hill. With conditions deteriorating, they played Maesteg Celtic in the final game which they won 35-10.

It was a good team performance overall as players learned and adapted to play in very sticky, muddy and wet conditions. Madison Rees was once again the stand out player.

The under-12s battled more than the elements as they went down 24-12 at Tondu. The team could not get any momentum into their game, they were constantly on the back foot as they struggled to gain any possession.

The Sports however, confounded the conditions to take 0-12 at half-time but saw the game go away from them in the second half as Tondu scored four tries.

THE under-13s may have been underdogs in most peoples' eyes, but they shook off the tag as they ran Tondu extremely close in what was an excellent Ospreys Cup semi-final.

The Sports started at electric pace, dominating all aspects of play for the first eight minutes as they mounted wave after wave of attack. They took play to within two metres of the try line where they lost ball at a crucial stage.

This allowed Tondu to secure possession and mount a breakout which eventually saw them take the lead against the run of play. The Sports hit back with two tries and a conversion to take a 5-12 lead, only for Tondu to level at half-time.

The Sports were out of the blocks early again in the second half and despite taking the lions' share of possession, the Tondu defence stood resolute.

The weather conditions played a part as passes fell to ground at key stages. Tondu opened a 10-point gap with two tries as they changed tactics, opting to kick and put the ball behind the Sports.

In a test of character, the Sports came back to take the game within a score, but despite their endeavour they just fell short as Tondu won the game by the margin of a single try, 22-17.

It was an outstanding game of rugby, played in excellent spirit and a credit to the development of young players in both clubs.

Sports' scorers: Connor Jones (2), Mackenzie Dent; conversion by Ieuan Pilliner.

THE under-15s visited Bonymaen, a side who narrowly lost to the Sports' upcoming Ospreys Cup opponents Waunarlwydd, in the quarter-finals.

Sports' full-back Sam Goodwin put in a classy performance in difficult conditions, turning numerous defensive kicks into attacking opportunities, with good support from the two wingers.

Despite lengthy spells of pressure in the first half, with prop Luke Yates carrying the ball well, the Sports narrowly failed to batter their way over on a few occasions. Despite an early lead, the Sports had to settle for a 10-12 deficit at half-time.

In the second half, the Sports forwards employed a pick-and-go game which created space up the middle which enabled them to create and exploit more space out wide.

Even in poor conditions the Sports backs and forwards combined well to produce a strong off-loading game which has served them well in recent weeks.

The Sports approach ensured they emerged as winners in a game played out in difficult conditions, the final score 27-12.

Jack Bridgman enjoyed a fine debut while Sam Goodwin was man of the match.

Sports try scorers were Dan Haycock (2), Mac Francis, Luke Yates and Zac Morris. Owain Peters added a conversion.

SP

Brackla RFC suffer late heartbreak

BRACKLA RFC travelled to face promotion-chasing Maesteg RFC in what was a must-win game for them to stay in the promotion race.

The two sides set out their stalls for the afternoon and the game was a bit of an arm wrestle in the first half but when things opened up it tended to be the Brackla backs spreading ball wide, with Lewis Salter looking very sharp and looking for gaps in the Maesteg defence.

The Maggies were the first on the scoreboard with a penalty from Jayce Evans before Jamie Lorrimer crossed in the corner to make it 8-0. Maesteg then crossed to make the half-time score 8-5.

The second half was a lot of the same but Maesteg snuck a player over in the cornerr, taking the score to 10-8, only for Cory Thomas' great break to pop the ball to Jayce, who put in Jarred Blackwell to score a great try in the corner and make it 13-10.

With less than five minutes remaining, the crowd pushed on the home team who pounded at the line until the very end. A line out on Brackla's five-metre line eventually led to the referee awarding a penalty try, the final score 17-10.

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Family Notices

DIMOND
Colin Wayne

Peacefully at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry with his loving wife Irene at his bedside on 3rd March, Colin formerly of Robert Street, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of Irene, much loved father of the late Stephen, father-in-law of Joss. Adored grampy of Becky, Aaron, Louis, Millie and the late Hannah.

Colin will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Colin is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Home, 181 Court Road, Barry until his funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 19th March at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to Ty Hafan and to Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Anthony D.H. Thomas.

RAWLE
Pat (*née* Goode)

Pat passed away peacefully after a short illness at Llandough Hospital on 21st February 2019, aged 75 years. Beloved mother of Kevin and Stephen, much loved daughter-in-law to Debbie. Cherished and loved grandmother to Carys. Sister of Michael, Richard and the late Edward (Bicki).

Pat will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at 10am on Monday, 11th March at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired in memory of Pat, to a charity of your own choice.

TYRRELL
Frederick Raymond (Ray)

Peacefully at home on 22nd February, Ray, devoted husband to Jan, much loved dad of Daniel, survived by Nicola, Claire and Adam.

Ray will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 18th March at 2pm. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Ward B4 Haematology Unit, University Hospital Of Wales, Cardiff, CF14 4XW in memory of Ray.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

SCOTT
Andrew

Peacefully on 2nd March with his family at his side, Andrew passed away aged 52 years. A devoted father of Jake, most dear son of Pam Scott-Edwards and step father Eric Edwards. Precious brother of Simon, Martin and Jonathan. A dear uncle of Nicky and Cerys.

'We will Never Ever Forget You'

Andrew is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at All Saint's Church, Park Road, Barry on Tuesday, 19th March at 12.45pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only please. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cat Protection in memory of Andrew

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

BUTCHER
Charles Henry

Peacefully on 24th February, Charles, aged 89 years, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Charles will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 12th March at 11am.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

HUNT
Thomas (Tom)

Peacefully surrounded by family and friends on 3rd March 2019, aged 89 years, devoted husband of the late Jean.

Tom will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Thursday, 14th March at 10am.

Family flowers only donations may be made in memory of Tom in favour of The British Heart Foundation at the service.

HALL
Anona
(Formerly Ridley)

It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Anona Hall, after a courageous battle against motor neurone disease. She slipped away peacefully on 26th February 2019 at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Cherished and adored wife to Frank. Loved by her family and many friends.

Anona was a special lady who will be greatly missed by all who knew her and whose hearts she touched.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service on Wednesday, 13th March at 10am, Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only.

The family would like to thank the hospice, NHS staff and carers who looked after Anona so well and have supported the family throughout.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, to the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth in memory of Anona Hall.

KENT
Christopher Roy James

Sadly on 3rd March 2019, Chris aged 75 years, loved husband of Chris (Mrs), much loved dad of Jeremy and Suzanne, also loved grandad to Louisa.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Friday, 15th March at 2pm.

No flowers by request donations in lieu, if so desired, for The Salvation Army c/o the funeral director. Please wear colourful attire, no black tie.

SCOTT
Andrew

To a very precious Andrew, son of Anthony Scott and step brother of Debbie and husband Nick. Uncle to Tom and Emily, loving nephew to David, Barbara and their families

WARNER
Frank Richard

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital, Penarth on 26th February 2019, Frank of Dock View Road, Barry. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret, loving brother of Monica and Ray, brother-in-law of Pat and the late Ray. Adored uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

Frank is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his funeral service at St Cadoc's Old Village Church, Barry on Friday, 15th March at 1pm, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Anthony D.H. Thomas.

MATHERS
Teresa

Peacefully on 28th February at Llandough Hospital, Teresa passed away surrounded by her adored family.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Teresa is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until being received into St Helen's RC Church, Barry on Sunday, 17th March at 12 noon. Her Requiem Mass to take place on Monday 18th March at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Diabetes UK in memory of Teresa.

Further enquiries please telephone 01446 407962.

BICHARD
Leonard Charles

Len passed away peacefully on 27th February 2019 at Llandough Hospital, after a short illness bravely borne, aged 94 years. Cherished father of Deryn and Graham. Much loved grandfather to Wayne, Karen, Kelly, Sarah, John and Beleeze.

Len will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Thursday, 14th March at 2pm.

Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Len can be made to Cancer Research Wales.

ROWLANDS
Malcolm Edward
(Mac the Milk)

On Monday, 4th March, Malcolm passed away at the Marie Curie Hospice Penarth, aged 77 years, after a brave fight against cancer. Much loved dad, brother and grampy and is already greatly missed.

Funeral on Monday, 11th March at 1pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only and donations to Marie Curie welcomed.

RAYBOULD
Elizabeth (Betty)

After a short illness Betty passed away peacefully in her sleep. Beloved wife of Haydn, much loved mother of Kevin, Gary and Beverley. Loving nan and great nan.

Betty will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 20th March, service and cremation 1.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimers Society. Dress code optional.

CLARK
Michael John Dudley (Mike)

Peacefully on 28th February 2019 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Mike of Ogmore Drive, Nottage, Porthcawl the beloved husband to Margaret. The much loved father to John and Paul, dear father-in-law to Louise, loving Papa to Elizabeth and Lucy. Also great grandfather Papa to Corey, Megan, Ryan and Amelia.

Mike will be sadly missed by his close family and friends.

Resting at Glanafan Court Funeral Home until funeral service at Margam Crematorium Wednesday, 13th March at 11.30am. Family flowers only please.

Donations, if so desired, may be sent to Parkinsons Disease, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1EJ.

All enquiries to Port Talbot & Margam Funeralcare, 50 Margam Road, Margam, Port Talbot, SA13 2BN, Tel 01639 883688.

ANDERSON
Nigel Gerald (Slippers)

Peacefully at The Manor House, St Hilary, Cowbridge on 23rd February 2019. Loving husband of Anne, much loved father of Judith, Stephen and Carolyn and a wonderful grandfather to Rosie, Michael, James-Louis, James and Edward.

Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend Thursday, 14th March 2019 at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only please. Donations in his memory can be made to Leukaemia UK, 7-14 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YR.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Thomas Bros, Cowbridge. Tel 01446775681.

JENKINS-GARNIER
Josephine Anne

Jo passed away peacefully in Jersey on 8th February, aged 54 years with her loving Pete by her side.

Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Tuesday, 12th March at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Jersey Hospice Care, Clarkson House, Le Mont, Cochon, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3JB.

BRADBURY
Philip

It is with great sadness the family announce the death of Phil. Loving son of Ivan and the late Malinda. Much loved brother, uncle and great uncle.

Phil be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 15th March at 1.15pm. Family flowers only. Black attire optional.

WILLAN
Dorothy Mary
(*née Cain*)

Peacefully on 22nd February, Dorothy of Miskin, Pontyclun; beloved wife of Paul, loving mother of Nigel, dear mother-in-law of Tracy and much loved grandmother of Megan and Aled.

Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Wednesday, 13th March, service at St David's Church, Miskin at 12.30pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only, donations if so desired for Dementia UK c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun CF72 8PN. (Tel 01443 223368).

FISHER
Viv

Peacefully at home on Sunday, 24th February, aged 78 years. Much loved wife of Dave, mother of Julie, Jo, Gina and Sian. A wonderful mother-in-law and amazing granny to Sam, Megan, Harri, Rukh, Raif, Sai, Rhys, Bethan, Seren, Mollie and Josh.

Sadly missed by her many, many friends.

Private family cremation, followed by a memorial service at Peterston-Super-Ely Church on Wednesday, 13th February at 2.30pm.

No flowers by request but donations in memory of Viv can be made to City Hospice, Whitchurch Hospital Grounds, Park Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 7BF or donate online on their website.

SAIT
Bevan John

Peacefully after a short illness on Thursday, 21st February at home in Llantwit Major. Loving husband of Wendy, he will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 13th March, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

No flowers by request, donations if desired to Marie Curie. The family request no black attire.

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Family Notices

HEASMAN
David Alan

David, my beloved son, was taken ill at the end of his Cypriot holiday and taken to Larnaca Hospital where he eventually died 10 days later on 1st February 2019.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 12th March, service and cremation 11.30am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Donations in memory of David if desired, to Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director.

Acknowledgements

LEWIS
Pastor Glyn

Glyn's family would like to thank all family, friends, neighbours and the members and congregation of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church who attended his funeral. As a family we have been touched and overwhelmed by the love, kindness and support shown to us all during this sad time.

Thank you to Pastor Ken Iveson for conducting a beautiful service celebrating Glyn's life. Thank you to Lyndsay Ellis and his team at Vale Funeral Services for arranging this with the utmost professionalism and dignity.

EBERT
John

John's family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the support, cards, flowers and messages of sympathy received during this time of sadness.

Additional thanks go to Lyndsay Ellis and staff, the Reverend Melanie Prince and Nicola Hopkins.

LONG
John

Hilda and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for attending the funeral and for their condolences, good wishes and kind messages received during this difficult time.

Additional thanks to the Reverend Stephen Adams, the Cowbridge Paramedics and W. H. Preene & Son, Funeral Services.

KILLICK
Linda

Bob, John and Mark would sincerely like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards of condolence and generous donations to Linda's chosen charities which amounted to an exceptional £1370.

Also thank you to all the staff at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth for their care and kindness. A very big thank you to Fr Edwin Counsell for the beautiful service he delivered and to Mathias for all his support.

Finally, thank you to James Tovey of Tovey Bros Funeral Services for his support and guidance.

Thank you

80th Birthday Thanks

Chris Westall

would like to say a big thank you to her three girls, Sue, Jude and Colette for a wonderful 80th Birthday Surprise Day and presents.

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In Memory
O'CONNOR
Alesha-Marie

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Love
Mum and Dad *xxx*

In Memory
O'CONNOR
Alesha

7th March 2015

I love and miss you so much Alesha, there is not a day goes by that I am not thinking of you and the happy times we had.

God Bless my Angel
All my love
Nanna Nancy xxx

In Memory
O'CONNOR
Alesha

7th March 2015

Four years have passed since you were taken from us, leaving behind happy memories of our beautiful niece.

God Bless Alesha.

Aunty Wendy & Uncle Joe
xxx

In Memory
O'CONNOR
Alesha

7th March 2015

No verse can say, no flowers can repay, how much we lost four years today.
Love and miss you loads, Lesh.
Uncle Steve & Babs xxx

In Memory
O'CONNOR
Alesha

7th March 2015

'Leashy-Lou'

We can't believe four years have passed since the day you left and broke our hearts.
Everyday we wish it wasn't real, whenever we think of it, pain is all we feel.
Keep dancing with the angels.
Love Aunty Linny & Uncle Neil xxx

In Memory
O'Connor
Alesha

7th March 2015

Shine bright like a diamond, as you did in life.
Sadly missed every day.
Love Kristy & Ellie-May xxx

In Memory
O'Connor
Alesha

7th March 2015

Beautiful and happy memories of our beautiful cousin, inside and out.
Sadly missed, David, Dee, Georgia, Kiean & Deano xxx

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Liz, Mark,
Christopher & Nan *xxx*

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern,

We, **HDC Services Ltd** do hereby give notice that we have applied to The Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at **2 Westgate, Cowbridge** known as **Harry's.**

The licensable activities will be, **sale and supply of alcohol, regulated entertainment. Trading times are as follows, Sunday to Thursday 7am until midnight and Friday and Saturday 7am until 1am all days will have 30 minutes drinking up time.**

Any person(s) wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the **Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by email to licensing@valeoflamorgan.gov.uk** not later than 28 days after the date of this notice (as below). Representation received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the Application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statements in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

Signed: Hayley Donaldson
Date: 26/02/2019

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern,

I, **Margaret Studt** do hereby give notice that we have applied to The Licensing Authority (Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at **Friars Road, Barry Island, Barry, CF62 5TR** known as **The Rock Island Diner (formerly The Dolphin).**

The licensable activities will be, **the sale and supply of alcohol on and off the premises and the provision of late night refreshment between 08.00 and 00.00 Mon to Sun.**

Any person(s) wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the **Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, or by email to licensing@valeoflamorgan.gov.uk** not later than 28 days after the date of this notice (as below). Representation received after this date will not be considered.

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Signed: M Studt
Date: 1st March 2019

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Applications can be made by email or post to the Town Clerk, using the Council's job application form and must be received by **12 noon on Friday 22nd March 2019.**

Interviews to take place on Wednesday 27th March 2019.

For more information and an application pack, please call the Town Clerk, Ceri Anderson on 01446 773385 or email canderson@cowbridge-tc.gov.uk

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SUNDAY, March 10 sees the return of an extraordinary test of endurance, the Barry Track 40 Miles and Barry Marathon Track Race, at the Jenner Park Stadium.

Racing over such arduous distances pre-dates the modern Olympic Games and was very popular in the mid- and late 19th century. In Wales too, many such races were held in Maindy Stadium, Cardiff and the first sub-four hour 40 miles was achieved there in 1967.

The local equivalent at Barry was first held on the cinder track in 1986 and was won by local athlete Mick McGeoch, who remains the race director today.

After converting the track to a synthetic surface the following year, the Barry 40 has been held every year, and has earned its place as a cult event on the global ultra calendar.

In the previous 32 editions no less than 62 world best performances have been set, and three Barry winners have gone on to win global titles – Carolyn Hunter-Rowe (1993), Simon Pride (1999) and Lizzy Hawker (2006).

The Barry Marathon was created in 2017 as an opportunity for those who would find themselves unable to complete 40 miles in the allotted time, and has proved a popular under card.

Two-time winner Steven Way (Bournemouth AC) is unable to defend his title this year, which leaves a potentially very open race. Samantha Amend (Belgrave Harriers) is the stand-out entry, and we could see an outright lady winner.

Potentially the quickest in the field is Grant Jeans from Glasgow. Incredibly loyal to today's event, Grant has twice won here in 2012 and 2015, and last August won the Strathaven 50 miler for the fifth time in a new record. If he has managed to arrive injury-free, he will be hard to beat.

Nathan Flear (3Ms Gorseinon) has been runner-up for the last two years, as well as Welsh Champion. He has been training in both Kenya and Bulgaria lately and flies home especially for this race.

Norwegian-born Ake Fagereng is a scientist currently based at Cardiff University. Now 36, he has contested ultra races all over the world and most notably won the 2015 Racing the Planet Roving Race, 250km over six days in Ecuador. However, 40 miles on a track is a new experience, even for him.

As always the race incorporates the Welsh Ultradistance Championships, and five of the athletes qualify for that. The great thing about ultradistance is that every athlete has a tale to tell – a special reason for competing, if you like.

Such tales are invariably inspiring. Syd Wheeler (Chepstow) comes to Barry to compete in the marathon, having completed a marathon every year since 1983. Syd has completed the 40 miles five times in the past between 1996-2002 and is now 81 years old!

Finally we welcome a local man, Jason Elworthy, who competes in the T38 class. Jason competes for Barry & Vale Harriers, where he also coaches. In the past he has mainly competed in the throws and shorter distances, with a longest distance of Half Marathon in Cardiff, where he set a Welsh record of 4:16:49.

The race starts at 10am and admission is free.

MM

Holton Road reach cup final

HOLTON Road AFC seniors progressed to the Supporters Cup final after a convincing semi-final victory over an in-form Cadoxton Imps.

Holton ran out 3-0 winners with goals from Pearce, Harris and Williams.

Holton will play Cadoxton Barry in the final on Sunday, April 7 at Jenner Park. The club would like to say a massive thank you to Avi at the Vere Street Nisa/Vapestation store for helping with sponsorship towards their new match day tracksuits and also a huge thank you to Jamie at Macron and Ollie and Amanda at Busy Bee Insurance for kindly donating our new away kit which is part of the Martine Adams awareness campaign.

They are working closely with Martine and her husband Scott (the team's goalkeeper) in her battle with a rare form of cancer. For more details on Martine's courageous journey please visit her Facebook page, she is an inspiration to all at Holton Road AFC.

JH

St David's Day celebrations at Brynhill Golf Club

BRYNHILL Golf Club's golfing ladies, along with past members and guests, celebrated St David's Day by enjoying an evening of fun and laughter.

The lady captain, Jo Kirkpatrick welcomed everyone and made special reference to past members June Sanderson and Mo Merrick. Jo also welcomed guests, and noted that Rosina Butler and friends continue to support the ladies section.

Before the ladies tucked into a delicious Welsh-themed dinner, Robbie Lee said grace in Welsh.

In between courses, ladies competed in a hotly contested tabled quiz which was naturally based on all things Welsh. A mini Bingo competition followed dinner with Rosina winning.

The evening culminated with a Welsh Lady costume competition whereby three models were dressed by their three chosen dressers using an eclectic mix of Welsh decorations including toilet paper! Jan Robertson was voted winner and she and her dressers, Liz Taylor, Robbie Lee and Judy Davies, were presented with prizes.

The lady captain rounded off the evening by thanking everyone for attending plus special thanks to her vice-captain Lisa Taylor, who organized the mini bingo and Welsh Lady competition.

Winners of recent competitions were: Mud Glorious Mud played on February 19: Chris Hopkins, 17 points; St David's Day played on February 26: Audrey Phillips 18 points over the back seven from Jane Phillips.

OT

The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1: Rhoose Social 8, West End Runaways 7; Cadoxton Cons 9, Liberals 6; West End 7, Moors Boys 8.

League table: Rhoose Social 149, Liberals 143, Wyndham Cons 137, West End Runaways 134, Cadoxton Cons 131, West End 128, Moors Boys 123.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Slammers 3, Rugby Club 4; Liberals A 1, Rhoose Social C 6; Rhoose Social B 6, Liberals C 1; Rhoosters 5, Barries Boys 2; Sea View Exiles 5, King William XII 2; Cambrian Flyers 1.5, West End D 5.5; Rhoose Social A 1.5, West End C 5.5.

League table: Sea View Exiles 97.5, West End C 90.0, West End D 89.5, Rhoosters 83.0, Allsorts 82.5, King William XII 78.5, Barry Town FC 78.0, Rhoose Social C 78.0, Rugby Club 75.5, Rhoose Social A 74.0, Slammers 64.0, Rhoose Social B 60.0, Liberals A 53.5, Liberals C 52.5, Barries Boys 51.5, Cambrian Flyers 33.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Wildcats 2, Liberators 3; Cadoxton Cons Z 1, Cadoxton Cons B 4; Penarth Cons A 1, Savoy A 4; Rhoose Social B 2, West End C 3; Market Street B 3, Wyndham Cons A 2.

League table: West End C 70, Harbour B 68, Savoy A 68, Cadoxton Cons Z 58, Wyndham Cons A 57, Cadoxton Cons B 54, Penarth Cons A 45, Rhoose Social B 37, Cadoxton Wildcats 35, *Liberators 33, Market Street B 31.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

West End B 1, Services Social B 4; Penarth Cons B 4, Harbour A 1; West End A 1, Market Street C 4; Savoy B 2, Wyndham Cons D 3; Sully Sports A 2, Cadoxton Cons A 3.

League table: Savoy B 66, Rhoose Social C 61, Penarth Cons B 60, Cadoxton Cons A 58, *Services Social B 56, Market Street C 54, Wyndham Cons D 53, Harbour A 48, West End A 41, Sully Sports A 38, West End B 31 (* = points deducted).

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JW

Fixture chaos for Cowbridge RFC

WHEN fixtures were published for the 2018-19 season, the final league games were due to be played on March 30.

Postponements, mainly due to weather conditions in November, have meant the season has now stretched to the end of April with a fixture on each Saturday.

It was therefore extremely disappointing when Pentyrch called off last Saturday's match on Friday evening due to lack of players - another match to re-arrange!

There are no matches for the next two international Saturdays so the next game for the firsts is away at Clwb Rygbi on March 23 followed by Tylorstown at home on March 30. We then take them on away on the following Saturday.

It's all getting very tight at the top of the table with Fairwater and Treharris winning comfortably last Saturday. Treharris are looking very strong in third place on 52 points having played just 12 matches. Cowbridge are on 55 from 15 and Fairwater on 65 from 16 - it's all to play for.

Finally, good luck to Wales on what promises to be an epic end to the Six Nations. A reminder that all the games will be shown at the Clubhouse where there will be a great welcome.

RV/RK

Dinas Powys Golf Club ladies section results

ON February 5, a nine hole Stableford was held: 1st Ruth Yates 16 points, 2nd Sally Livsey Davies 15 points, 3rd Sue Bridle 14 points.

On February 12, a nine hole Medal White Elephant: 1st Maxine Hird 44-10.5 =33.5 nett; 2nd Audrey Harwood 50-13 =37; 3rd Lisa Ryley 46- 7.5 =38.5, on back six from Angela Brown.

On February 19, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Sam Saunders 18 points on back six from 2nd Lisa Ryley 18 points, 3rd Maxine Hird 17 points.

On February 26, a nine hole Texas Scramble: 1st Lisa Ryley, Sue Bridle, Rhian Thomas 32.5 nett, 2nd Ruth Yates, Angela Brown, Sally Livsey Davies 33 nett, 3rd Audrey Harwood, Terry Unwin 39.25 nett.

RY

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

LANDSMAN, **trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan and ridden by stable jockey Alan Johns, landed the maiden hurdle at far flung Musselburgh on Wednesday, February 27.**

His backers had little to fear as the strongly fancied six-year-old came home 12 lengths ahead of *Animore*, ridden by Ross Chapman.

Followers of Bargoed's Welsh-speaking jockey David Probert had plenty to smile about at Wolverhampton on Tuesday evening.

He won on 14-1 chance *Our Manekineko*, 7-2 shot *Swiss Storm* and 6-4 chance *Flaming Marvel*, which David's punters were probably calling him!

BRACE'S LUDLOW WINNER

CONNOR Brace from Porthcawl, a 7lbs claiming jockey, came in for plenty of praise when winning on Fergal O'Brien's *Carrolls Milan* **at Ludlow on Thursday, February 28.**

A former national champion novice point-to-point rider, Connor got his mount home by a length from *Gold Chain* in the mares' handicap hurdle race.

Carrolls Milan was Cotswold trainer O'Brien's 35th winner of the season and was returned at odds of 5-1.

EDWARD BOOTS HOME ANOTHER WINNER

EDWARD Vaughan, aged 11, son of Aberthin National Hunt trainer Tim and Abbi Vaughan riding his grey mare *White Water* **added another win to his many successes when winning the Stars of Tomorrow Stakes over nine furlongs at the Beaufort Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Didmarton last Saturday.**

Buddys Girl (Elliot England) was second and *O'Flynn's Daughter*, ridden by the Vale's Daniel Ellis (14), was third.

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft chalked-up his 11th winner of the season when landing the Intermediate race.

Riding Tommy Faulkner's eight-year-old *Mister Robbo,* which led four fences from the finish, he went on to score by 15 lengths from 33-1 outsider *Midnight Monkey.*

Mister Robbo, a 5-2 chance, was well ridden by Moorcroft and was Faulkner's fifth winner of the season.

Moorcroft said: "That was very easy and I'm delighted with the way the horse ran."

The favourite, *BillyGwyn Too*, partnered by Merthyr Mawr's Jack Tudor was pulled up.

In the Club Members' race, Bradley Gibbs on *Moral Hazard* jumped the last fence clear of *Sarazen Bridge* but the latter ran on gamely on the run-in, and, after what seemed like a very long time, it was announced that *Sarazen Bridge*'s rider Nick Phillips had got his mount up on the line to win by a neck.

Phillips later took the Restricted on the well-backed *Mankala*, which won by three lengths from *Barrafohona*.

James King, 23, riding *Oscar Bravo* for Clare Lloyd Davies took the Open Maiden Race finishing eight lengths ahead of *GetABuck*.

The Young Horse Maiden went to the odds-on *Hot To Trot* which led at the last and went on to beat the second favourite *Arctic Milly* by four lengths. *Hot To Trot* was partnered by Tamartha Worsley, 24, who has ridden around a dozen winners under Rules.

In the Conditions Race for Novice Riders, Jack Tudor, aboard David Brace's *William Money*, a former inmate of Tim Vaughan's yard, went off the favourite and went straight into the lead.

However, at the finish, he was some seven lengths adrift of the winner *Vivaldi Collonges*, an ex-National Hunt performer of note which was ridden by BW Bromley.

CONNOR'S 40-1 WINNER

FORMER Welsh pony racing champion and last season's novice champion point-to-point rider Connor Brace put his flat racing experience to good use when landing the Racing TV Standard Open Flat Race over two miles at Huntingdon on Sunday.

Riding *A Book Of Intrigue*, a 40-1 chance, for Cotswold's Fergal O'Brien, the six-year-old, who was racing in public for the first time in 440 days, scored by a length from *Chat To Charlie.*

Ogmore-By-Sea's Christian Williams sent his *Cap Du Nord* on the 309-mile trip to Sedgefield where his six-year-old course and distance winner took the £18,768 Young Chasers Series Final Handicap Chase under Pembrokeshire's James Bowen.

Cap Du Nord went off the 9-4 joint favourite.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

TWO of the divisional cup finals are set, and Jenner Park will welcome the sides for the divisional show pieces as the sides battled it out this weekend.

Holton Road continue their chase for their treble, booking their Supporters Cup final spot as they shrugged off two successive league losses to show their class, as they defeated Cadoxton Imps 3-0.

Holton Road will play Cadoxton Barry at Jenner Park, as they comprehensively saw off Cwm Talwg 4-0.

Penarth Town B made the Dockers Cup final with an impressive 4-0 over league leaders AFC Rhoose B.

Penarth B have been in fine form as of late and they will play Vale Madrid who have thrown league form out the window as they were victorious over Island Marine B 2-1.

In the historic ASRS Cup semi-final Island Marine notched a 2-0 victory over Cowbridge Town - they head to Jenner Park to play the winner of AFC Rhoose and Penarth Town in the other semi-final this weekend.

Only two league games were played this weekend, as Cardiff Airport continued their recent rival as they edged Cogan Coronation 2-1 to move three points behind Cogan in fourth.

Finally, St Athan B kept up the pressure on the top two, albeit having played two games more, with a 4-3 win over Cadoxton Athletic.

HD

Golfers enjoy a 'reverse waltz'

IN their main competition of the week, 33 members of St. Mary's Golf Club's senior section teed off in a scheduled team Waltz (1,2,3) competition.

In the normal waltz format the teams of three players record the best one of the three scores on the first hole, the best two on the second and all three on the third hole, that same sequence then being maintained through the full course of 18 holes.

On this occasion, however, the members decided to reverse the order to 3,2,1, a format popularly dubbed 'Dusty Bin' by the members who are mostly all of that certain age.

Sweaters were soon discarded in the record end of February temperatures and the players took full advantage of the ideal scoring conditions.

The majority of the teams returned scores better than the nominal par of 72 stableford points for an average of two scores counting per hole. The three placings all broke 80 points with third spot going to the team of Andrew Lane, Gareth Jones and section chairman, Gordon Martin, who repeated his feat of the previous week by bagging another brace of birdies.

Just one point better with 81 points was the team of Roger Hatton, Mike Cook and Eddie Fothergill. With a fine score of 83 points, however, the win was secured by Roy Denton, Steve Philips (who made net eagle on the 15th) and new member, Malcolm Jones.

Two days later, in their second competition of the week and with normal winter weather restored, just 11 hardy members braved the teeming rain to tee off in an individual stableford competition which was sensibly reduced to just 10 holes.

The scoring belied the unpleasant conditions with, once again, all three placings bettering the nominal par score of 20.

With 21 points Trefor Jones took third place. Section captain, Dave Hughes returned 23 points for second place, just one behind long-hitter Graham Jones' 24 points.

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Gymnasts celebrate medal success at championships!

YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club are ecstatic with the most recent results from their male artistic gymnastics squad.

On February 23, YMCA Barry gymnasts competed in the annual Welsh Gymnastics Championships where the highest level gymnasts in Wales came together to compete.

In the youngest category of the day, the under-10s, YMCA Barry had four gymnasts compete, Zhao-Kai Wilcox, Harley Clifton, Martins Kononovs and Jacob Watkins.

Even at their very young age, all four gymnasts did themselves proud and showing great maturity in their performances. All of the boys competed on the six male gymnastics apparatus, Floor, Vault, Rings, Parallel Bars, High Bar and the Pommel Horse.

Within the individual apparatus events, the YMCA Barry gymnasts received top six placings on every apparatus with Martins who secured third on Floor, fifth on Rings, fifth on Vault, fifth on Parallel Bars.

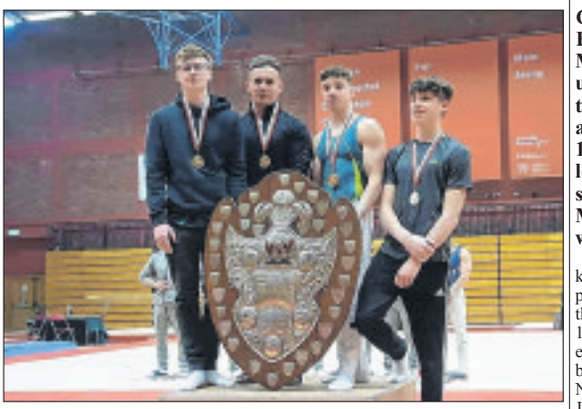
Zhao-Kai received sixth on Floor, third on Pommel Horse, sixth on Rings and sixth on Parallel Bars.

Harley claimed fourth on Floor, sixth on Pommel Horse, fourth on Rings, sixth on Vault and fourth on Parallel Bars.

Jacob received second on High Bar, second on Vault and fantastically became the under-10s Welsh Champion on the Floor, Rings, Parallel Bars and Pommel Horse.

In the all-around event which is all of the six apparatus combined, Martins claimed ninth, Zhao-Kai fifth, Harley fourth and Jacob became the overall under-10s Welsh champion!

Finally, within the team category, all four boys supported each other throughout the competition and became the under-10s Welsh team champions!



Left to right: Cameron Sinden, Alex Shanhan, Josh Cook and Harri Morgan.

Left to right Zhao-Kai Wilcox, Jacob Watkins, Martins Kononovs and Harley Clifton.

Within the under-16's category, Rhys Griffiths competed despite only being able to compete on three pieces of apparatus due to an injury.

Rhys did not let this phase him, showing his determination and competed faultlessly. Rhys received sixth place on Rings and became the under-16s High Bar Welsh champion!

Within the senior category, Cameron Sinden, Alex Shanahan, Josh Cook and Harri Morgan competed at the highest level and demonstrated some amazing gymnastics.

In the individual apparatus, the senior gymnasts followed their team mates and featured on every apparatus results.

Cameron received third on Vault, fourth on Floor, fifth on Pommel Horse, fifth on Rings, fourth on Parallel Bars and sixth on High Bar.

Alex claimed fifth place on Vault. Harri secured fifth on Floor, sixth on Rings, sixth on Parallel Bars and third place on High Bar.

Josh Cook sustained his consistency and received second on Vault, second on Floor, second on Pommel Horse, second on Rings, second on Parallel Bars and second on High Bar.

In the All Around competition, Harri was sixth, Cameron fifth and Josh won the silver medal, narrowly behind Olympian Brinn Bevan.

In the team event, Cameron, Alex, Josh and Harri became the Welsh senior team champions and received the prestigious Welsh Gymnastics Men's Artistic shield.

A fantastic achievement for YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club and a huge congratulations to all the gymnasts and their personal coaches Peter Haysham and Bradley Haysham.

For more information on YMCA Barry Gymnastics please call 01446 724000, email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk or follow us on social media @ymcabarry.

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The Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

DIVISION 1:

Cigar Ladies 258 (A. McCarthy, L. Coleman & L. Webb 26), Barry Stars 257 (H. Avaient & J. Jones 26); Bakers Dozen 262 (M. Lewis 28), Space Finders 256 (E. Worthy 28); Allsorts 262 (C. Jewell 26), Sea View Gals 253 (Jones & S.Phillips 28); Family Affair 265 (A. Price 31), Family & Friends 229 (L. Sheppard 27); Pila Pala 324 (D. O'Sullivan 30), Special Angels 309 (L. Mountford & J. Abram 33); La Bells 317 (J.Cordy & E. Cordy 322), Coppers 327 (S. Curtis 32).

Division 2:

Breakaways 265 (J. Swayne 29), Airways Angels 256 (M. Carpenter 28); Persuaders 194 (F. Organ 23), Witchill Weebies 209 (R. Tobin 23); Roller Coasters 198 (D. Masterman 23), Bandits 209 (E. Evans 29); Red Admiral 230 (J. Jones 29), Clickies 217 (V. Mortimor-Brown 26); Colcot Ladies 257 (C. Fenton & D. Mansridge 25), Rhoose Starlights 228 (E. Edwards & L. Davies 24).

Division 3:

Dolly Mixtures 194 (P. Brigham 25), Liberals 185 (B. Binding 25); Sea View Ladies 201 (C. Grithiths & W. Norman 23), Merry Makers 236 (M. Payne 25); Little Devils 258 (L. Bowsher 31, Off the Rails 234 (J. Cattle & S. Doughty 24); Witches 215 (P. Cookson 22), Witchill Widows 225 (L. Sullivan 28); Uptown Girls 281 (R. Dutton 33), Westenders 296 (R. Morgan & T. Coombs 31); Etcetera 193 (L. Marks 25), Vixens 227 (H. Jones 26).

Division 4:

Socialites 219 (J. Parker 25), Little Misfits 227 (K. Orchard & S. Johnson 27); Nite Outers 212 (K. Blackmore 28), Boozy Birds 246 (L. Harris 29).

HB

Llantwit Major AFC reserves finally defeated

CHAMPIONS-ELECT Cardiff Metropolitan university came to Windmill Lane and gained their 16th straight league win over the stubborn Llantwit Major reserves with a 3-1 victory.

Llantwit Major kicked off proceedings positively and created their first chance within 15 seconds, as a clever exchange of passes between Chris Vinson, Nathan Renfree and Josh Morgan led to winger Morgan Gore in on goal only to see his effort wide of the sticks.

The home side stayed on top and enjoyed a good spell of possession with both wingers Gore and Vinson providing excellent crosses for their team, however they had no success as the Met's defence sniffed out all the danger which came their way.

After the 20 minute mark Cardiff Met found their stride and it was the Major defence on the back foot. Attack after attack saw keeper Sam Mawhinney on alert and the back three of Glyn Davies, Colm Garrett and Joe Cutter chased their opposing number towards their own goal.

Sam and the defence stood tall until the half-hour point, when the students broke the deadlock with a counter attack as their centre forward scored.

Before the break Llantwit found themselves some luck when Cardiff Met had their corner scrambled off the line with everyone bar the referee seeing it was with Jordan Davies' arm.

The second half saw Cardiff Met dominate the play with a few half-chances in front of goal. However it was Llantwit who had a glorious chance for an equaliser on 70 minutes, great work from Stephen Phillips lifted the ball through to Josh as he looked to lob the keeper from several yards out.

The visitors were to add their second moments after but Llantwit managed hit back in quick fashion to get the goal they were searching for.

Phillips played Josh through again on goal, and this time he smashed the ball past the stranded keeper. With the reserves openly searching for the equaliser, the students broke and sealed a 3-1 away win.

Credit must go the Llantwit Major team who fought throughout the game, with every player working extremely hard for each other. The run of six games without defeat for the reserves comes to an end, but with four games remaining Llantwit are eyeing a top seven finish.

JT

Barrivale Bridge Club news

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club WBU sims heat on February 26 are as follows:

Barrivale WBU sims heat: First, Diana and Adrian Trickey, 63.75 per cent; second, Noelle Bond and Debbie Richards, 60.83 per cent; third, Denis Mottram and Mark Roderick, 59.17 per cent.

The handicap winners were Linda and Sue.

New members are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join the club,call 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Players inexperienced or new to bridge playing may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play or Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

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Athletic up to third after rampant performance

BRIDGEND Athletic moved to third place in Division 1 East Central with a six tries to nil, 45-9, victory over Llantrisant at Newbridge Fields.

It was a black day for the Black Army. This was their heaviest defeat of the season and the 36-point differential was the highest winning margin in the league this season. Athletic prop Matthew Norman in his 100th first XV appearance for the Athletic and was given the honour of leading out his side.

The game was a complete role reversal from the Athletic's humiliating 32-8 defeat at Llantrisant last November. That was a defining day for both sides.

The Athletic were staring relegation in the face having won only three of their first nine games after the WRU moved them from Division 1 West Central to Division 1 East Central. Coaches John Apsee, Stuart Morris, David Williams and Gerald Williams made a tweak to the Athletic playing style and converted speedy youngsters from back row positions to key back positions to shore up a leaky defence.

Since then the Athletic have won eight of their following nine league games while it is now Llantrisant looking likely relegation candidates.

Llantrisant elected to have first use of a stiff breeze advantage. As in the previous game at Cambrian Athletic outside half Luke Bevan put in a perfect high floating kick off.

Flanker Sean Williams tapped back to Norman who fed scrum half Aled Thomas. Thomas kicked into the Llantrisant 22 where pressure forced an Athletic penalty. Bevan converted the penalty to make it déjà vu for the second game running with a first minute lead.

Llantrisant then pressurised the Athletic and two penalties from their outside half Morgan Raison gave the visitors a 6-3 lead. Llantrisant were looking to use their speedy backs as they did to good effect in the home game. However, with stalwart centre Tom Jenkins marshalling the defence they were up against a different animal this time.

Aled Thomas scores a try, watched by Tom Jenkins, against Llantrisant - see more pictures from John Cannon at glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

The Athletic after starting slowly were now coming into the game with the front row of youngster Morgan Clemett alongside experienced Nathan Holman and Norman were putting pressure on the Llantrisant scrum.

When the Athletic were awarded a penalty 20 metres out, quick-thinking scrum half Aled Thomas tapped and outsprinted the Llantrisant defence to cross for his third try of the season. Bevan's conversion gave his side a 10-6 lead.

From the restart wing Will Barraclough gathered and broke the first line of defence. Brilliant inter-passing between flankers Sean Williams and Ben Howe saw Thomas held just short of the try line.

Quick recycling via lock Jonathon Stoker and Howe saw lock Ben Cording cross in the corner for his third try of the season. Bevan's touchline conversion gave the Athletic a 17-6 lead while Raison's third penalty reduced his side's half-time deficit to 17-9.

Against the wind Llantrisant were trying to run from deep. Superb Athletic defence pressurised Llantrisant into dropping the ball.

Ace predator wing Barraclough hacked the ball on and easily won the race to cross wide out. Minutes later wing Owain Leyshon's tackle released the ball and Barraclough was on hand to pick up and show a clean pair of heels for his second match try and fifth of the season. Bevan converted both the Barraclough tries and the youngster also brought up his 300th Athletic point.

The Athletic brought on a new front row of Wayne Fooks, Lee Murphy and Matthew Muir, fresh from his holiday in Iceland, and continued their scrum dominance against a heavier pack. Lock Will Petchell and scrum half Dan James also joined the fray.

Llantrisant persisted with trying to run out of defence only to see young centre Tom Davies, fresh from his BCOW debut, intercept for his fourth try of the season.

Athletic full back Sam Richards, who had a sound game in defence and attack, set up field position with a sidestepping run into the Llantrisant 22. The forwards embarked on a pick and go exercise with Fooks, Petchell, Ben Davies, Muir and scrum half Dan James all held just short of the line before captain flanker Ben Howe, aided by Sean Williams, drove over for his eighth try of the season.

This was the only forward try in 12 over the two games between the teams. Bevan made it a perfect six out of six conversions to wrap up an impressive 45-9 Athletic win.

Coach Gerald Williams praised man of the match Ben Cording for consecutive games, but was also delighted with the displays of prop Morgan Clemett, full back Sam Richards and outside half Luke Bevan who for various reasons, mainly injury, have been missing from the Athletic starting line-up for some time.

He also singled out centre Tom Jenkins, making his 50th first XV appearance for marshalling the young back line in attack and defence.

The Athletic next play on March 23 when they visit second-placed Rhiwbina, before returning to Newbridge Fields on March 30 to host St Josephs.

The club are grateful to Match Sponsor Mr Richard Dyke of R & M Dyke (Civil Engineering) Ltd for his continued support for BARFC.

AB

Memorial game sees fantastic support

A HEALTHY crowd turned up at the Old Parish to support the Kevin Dixon Memorial game.

The game was played in fantastic spirit and a fine crowd turned up to support a great event. The welcome atmosphere in the clubhouse before and after was equally fantastic as Maesteg RFC opened their new players lounge, aptly named the Kevin Dixon lounge.

A Maesteg Select XV, made up of ex-players such as Callum Powell (Maesteg Quins), Lawrence Howley (Llantwit Major) and Gavin Ronan (Tata Steel), combined with the current Maesteg RFC players to take on a Maesteg Celtic XV made up of first and second team players. There were also some players who came out of retirement to play in such a fantastic occasion.

It was Maesteg who started the brighter of the teams on a dry running rugby track. Maesteg capitalised on Celtic's slow start and raced into a 21-0 lead with only 15 minutes on the clock. The pace and footwork of Callum Powell, and kicking of Howley paid dividends for the Maesteg RFC team.

Celtic slowly started to gain the upper hand as the half progressed with the Celtic pack beginning to get on top and the errors became less frequent.

This led to a series of attacks which ended up with Mark Wilkins crashing over from 10 metres out. Cameron Jones, the Celtic livewire scrum half, also crossed for a try.

The second half was more of the same with both teams keen to play open attacking rugby in memory of a great man. This resulted in Lloyd Jenkins making several fine line breaks which could have resulted in tries.

Cameron Jones again scored using his pace to cross the whitewash.

Maesteg RFC attacked hard looking to grab the ascendancy back with No.8 Phil Wheeler at the heart of many attacks but some fine defence from the forwards and backs of Celtic stopped Maesteg getting on the scoreboard.

Perhaps it was fitting that centre and captain for the night, Lee Arthur, the nephew of the late Kevin Dixon, should score the winning try, the final score 26-21.

KS

Good win for Tondu RFC youth

TONDU RFC youth had been waiting to play together for over four weeks and started this game against Resolven with the wind against their backs.

Both teams showed strong defence, but after a knock-on in midfield, Cael Chamberlain carried well before offloading the ball to Morgan Hughes who hit a superb angle and found himself crossing the line under the posts. Converted by Jacob Thomas, this made it 7-0 to Tondu.

Resolven were determined to win this game, and an excellent set piece move from a scrum showed Resolven's fullback across the Tondu line, a try which was converted.

The Wheelers wanted to get another score in before half-time but Resolven were tough to break down. After 17 phases it was Cael Chamberlain who tipped the ball onto Ioan Billingham who dived over the line in the corner. A fantastic conversion by Jacob Thomas against the wind brought the score up to 14-7 to Tondu.

Tondu began the second half with confidence, defending for their lives and not letting Resolven through. Tondu regained possession and found themselves in the Resolven 22, after another build up of phases, Mason Hughes hit a great angle and put the ball down over the Resolven line, the try converted by Jacob Thomas.

Brothers Mason and Morgan Hughes played for Tondu youth - see more pictures from James Kaye at glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

Dayton Owen was given a yellow card but even with a man down, Tondu still began to defend well and managed to turn the ball over.

After a swift run down the wing by Bobby Bromley, followed with support from Morgan Williams and the rest of the team, Tondu were caught short of the line but earned a penalty.

Jacob Thomas kicked for the corner, the forwards won the line out and set up a maul. Ioan Billingham latched on at the back of the maul, helped the drive forward and put the ball over the line in the corner for his second try of the game. The conversion was missed but the score increased to 26-7.

Tondu's formidable defence was tough for Resolven to break, but after another build up of penalties Garin Standing was the next player to see yellow. The game ended 26-7 and Tondu continue their undefeated league run.

There was a fabulous win in the semi-final of the Ospreys Cup for the under-13s against Bridgend Sports.

The final score was 22-17, well done to both teams. Try scorers for Tondu were Tippett (2) and one each for Cai and Gethin.

JA

Maesteg Celtic seconds' close encounter with rivals

MAESTEG Celtic second XV played Kenfig Hill second XV in an Ospreys League match at Garth Park.

It was a competitive match with both teams playing with determination. The visitors played with the wind first half and used the conditions well. They opened the scoring with a three quarter try in the corner after 15 minutes.

Celtic closed the gap when outside half Kristian Jenkins kicked a penalty after a period of Celtic pressure. The visitors went further ahead towards half-time with two penalties when Celtic infringed at the ruck.

The second half was all Celtic with the front five of Jay Whelan, Ashley Pole, captain Keith Stone, Ed Randall and Rhys Bevan Jones well on top.

The man of the match award went to Peter Kehoe.

Celtic back row of Mark Hillier-Rees, Nathan Adams and Man of the Match Peter Kehoe were dominant in the loose while half backs Ryan Phillips and Rhodri Thomas coped well with the pressure exerted by the visitors.

Centres Shaun Raymond and Lewis David defended well but could not exploit the Mules defence. The Celtic back three of Alun Blackwell, Scott Wilkins and Gavin Joseph were strong under their opponents kicks but had little attacking ball.

Substitute outside half Rhodri Thomas kicked two penalties for a final score of 9-13.

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